THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be fair tonight. Wednesday probably fair. There will be light easterly winds.

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DOOMED TO DEATH

Assassin of Sergius Warns the Imperial Family

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—The assassin of Grand Duke Sergius maintains an attitude of profound indifference. When pressed to reply to questions he declared that all the efforts of the authorities would have no result. Before his victim was laid under earth other victims would be found. Regarding his motives, the assassin said he only acted in the interests of an oppressed people. He considered the deed was an act of duty. The Grand Dukes had for years violated every canon of ordinary decency and ruined the country while exploiting the weak will of the emperor for their own ends. They had made him a tyrant. He was aware that the Emperor was an innocent dupe and his party had decided to deliver the Emperor from the evil influences surrounding him in the hope that he some day would join in the movement and become head of a national governoment based on western lines.

Neither the police nor their spies, the assassin added, will be able to protect those who are doomed to death.

FOR ANNEXATION

Spicy Hearing in Dracut Last Evening

Majority Favor Annexation—John Ames Leads the Annexation Forces—Public Hearing Will be Held in this City

A lively hearing on the question of annexation was held by Dracut Navy Yard residents at the Hillside church last evening and the disinterested spectators had fun galore as the warring elements clashed and waxed personal. It was the third attempt of the annexationists to get the land owners out for an expression of opinion and this time they were eminently successful for they got them out though unfortunately some of them were strongly opposed to annexation.

Peter Bolton, an anti-annexationist, was chosen chairman of the evening and he proved to be a most lenient one for the most of the time the hearing proceeded on "free-for-all" lines.

John Ames, promoter of annexation and sole owner of the celebrated Ames cold water plant, soon to be shut down, was the first speaker and when it comes to speaking John is the champion welterweight of the town. He has given much thought to the subject of annexation and advanced several reasons why the strip of land outlined in the petition should be annexed.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Ames said: "It is easier for a donkey to jump through the eye of a needle than for anyone to get up here tonight and say we ought not to be annexed.

"Any man with half a headful of brains can see the good which is sure to come to us individually and collectively. There is no need for antagonistic feelings or bickerings. We want the improvements. How shall we get them?

"We might ask the town of Dracut a hundred years for sewers and good streets and our funeral processions would bump along over the same old streets without sewers, without top dressings, without everything but bumps.

"The only way to become progressive is to annex ourselves to Lowell, pay our relative share for the good things which will then come our way, and the value of our property will be increased instead of depreciating as it has during the past 10 years."

Mr. Ames sat down amid applause and up jumps boldF rank Gunther with these remarks: "I am not ashamed to live in the dear old town of Dracut. I have no water that Johnny Ames can shut off and I'll be hanged if I can be pulled over to the other side by any threats as some have been during the past week. Go ahead, Johnny Ames," he cried, "and close down your high water service, it won't bother me a little bit."

Mr. Gunther was intensely wrought up as he resumed his seat.

Then "Johnny" Ames spoke right out in meetin'. "Don't be always harping on that water question," he said, without addressing the chair. "Try and forget that and think of the sewers, lights, streets and fire protection. That's what you get under annexation."

"Great Heavens!" cried back Mr. Gunther. "If you fellers would go up to town meetin' and holler for these things as you do now you'd surely get 'em."

"Get 'em where the chicken got the axe," interrupted Mr. Tyrrell. "You could holler up there for a hundred years and your children could take up the chorus before anything like that would happen."

Mr. Ecklund said that Fred street was in the city but there was no sewer there or nothing else. He was then informed that Fred street has not yet been accepted by the city.

"The matter of fire protection should not be overlooked," said Mr. Ames. "We have no hydrants and hence this part of the town is in great danger."

"I go to Lowell every day," said Mr. Tyrrell and use the streets and have police protection and other advantages. When I return home I feel ashamed of this slow, Gor-forsaken town of Dracut. I'm for annexation and will gladly pay my share toward these improvements and so it is with every taxpayer who has brains." (Great applause.)

"Anyone who comes here and tries to stop the progress of this town should be ridden out of town on a rail," said Mr. Ames with appropriate gestures, and the audience cheered him.

"How about the water this town used to receive from the Ames system?" asked Mr. Ecklund for the purpose of getting Mr. Ames "on a rope."

"That will do," interrupted Mr. Ames. "I'm not under obligations to be tied to an old woman's apron strings." (Great laughter.)

Former Constable John J. Breck presented a strong argument for annexation. Said Mr. Breck: "All this talk about getting improvements from the town is hot air. We will never get anything from Dracut. Annexation has got to come. We admit that we will have to pay for the good things, for we are not a lot of cheap people who expect something for nothing. We will be only too glad to pay our proportionate share of the taxes necessary to bring about a new lease of life. What's the use of staying dead. It may take five years or more before we get all we want after annexation, but that is the way things go. A man in Collinsville told me today that if the line took in the Ledge hill district and went beyond the paper mill, then he and many others would help along the move with their votes."

Mr. Ames said that the mill people had assured him that they would not interfere in the matter.

Chairman Bolton finally got a chance to say a few words and he aroused great enthusiasm by stating that while he did not personally favor annexation he would not be selfish, and if the others in his neighborhood were favorable then he would lend his voice and vote.

A committee of two consisting of John Ames and William Tyrrell was appointed to see Representative George H. Stevens, and to ask him to arrange with the mayor of Lowell for a public hearing in city hall before the legislative committee on cities and towns.

Meanwhile Mr. Ames will give his time to find out the actual valuation and population of the land outlined in the petition and will be ready to report at the next meeting.

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TWO PIERS BURNED

$1,500,000 Fire Along Water Front in Boston

Two Ships Were Badly Damaged—Crew of the Philadelphia Had to Jump into the Water—Three Reported Missing

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—In the most extensive and disastrous fire that this city has had for years, piers 3 and 4 of the Hoosac tunnel docks were totally destroyed, the steamships Dalzonhall and Philadelphian badly damaged and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of freight on the piers and cargo in the vessels wiped out by fire between 1.30 and 4 this morning.

Starting in pier 4 on the ground floor in some hay, it spread like a prairie fire even against the wind, filling that pier with lurid flames, leaping across the water to pier 3 and inside of 10 minutes after the first alarm both great sheds were one mass of flames, leaping high into the air and threatening, not only the piers on either side, but also the mammoth grain elevator.

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FREEZING TO DEATH

Farmer Whipple Found by His Sons in Woods

Doctors Were Unable to Restore Consciousness and He Died Soon After

Henry J. Whipple, a farmer residing on the Lowell road, near the Tyngsboro line, died yesterday at his home as the result of exposure while at work in the woods on Saturday.

Whipple had been at work chopping in the woods near the state line and had with him a horse and sled on which he was piling the wood preparatory to taking it home to use for fuel. He worked all during the morning and at noon went home to dinner and returned to his work stating, before he left the house, that he would be back at four o'clock. When he did not return at the appointed time however, his family did not think anything was wrong, but when he was not home at six o'clock Mr. Whipple's two sons, Harry and Dan, the oldest being about 16, started down to the wood lot to find him.

The boys upon reaching the place found their father lying in the snow unconscious and while the boys could feel that his heart was beating, they were unable to arouse him although they worked over him for some time, chafing his chilled hands and feet. The night was bitterly cold and the temperature was fast lowering.

The sled which Mr. Whipple had brought to haul his wood on stood nearby and was about one-third loaded. Finding that they could not resuscitate him, the boys hastily threw off what wood there was on the sled and prepared a couch for the unconscious man on the sled frame. Then they drove home with him as rapidly as the horse could carry them.

Mrs. Whipple was nearly prostrated when she saw her husband being brought home on the bottom of the sled, thinking that he had met with an accident and died. A messenger was despatched for a physician and Dr. Harlow of Tyngsboro was soon on the scene. Finding the case to be of a very serious nature he sent for Dr. A. S. Wallace and the two physicians did their utmost to revive the man, but their efforts were unavailing. He had been slowly freezing to death when found and the shock to his system, together with his illness, proved fatal. He lingered through the night but passed away without recovering consciousness.

Mr. Whipple was about 45 years of age and besides his wife, he leaves two sons and two daughters.

FUNERALS

THURSTON—The funeral of Joseph W. Thurston took place yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, 9 Leverett street. Undertaker Davey had charge of the arrangements. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery.

McGARRIGAN—The funeral of Jas. McGarrigan took place from his late home, 7 rear of 236 Suffolk street, yesterday afternoon. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Fr. James A. Walsh read the committal prayers at the grave. The bearers were James H. Whelton, John O'Keefe, Owen Hallowa, Patrick Gallagher, James McCabe, Frank McGarrigan. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker C. H. Molloy & Co.

VASSILOPOULOS—The funeral of Nicholas Vassilopoulos, who died Saturday at the Lowell hospital, was held yesterday afternoon from the Greek church, where funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Joachim Georgios. Burial was in the Edson cemetery and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BELLEROSE—The funeral of Mrs. Ollvine Bellerose, wife of David Bellerose, took place yesterday from her home in Chelmsford. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church, and Rev. Fr. Brullard, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Joseph Loiselle, Joseph L'Heureux, Philippe Audette and Pierre Tremblay. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BERTRAND—The funeral of the late George Bertrand took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Undertaker Albert's warerooms, Cheever street. The bearers were Wilfrod Bouthillette, Joseph Therkault, Omer Deziel and Wilfrid Jean. A large wreath of roses, from the employes of the Savoy hotel, where the deceased was employed, was among the floral tributes. Deceased's brothers, Paul E. Bertrand of Providence and Ernest Bertrand of Fall River were present at the funeral. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

ANOTHER SET-TO

OVERSEERS OF POOR WILL GET TOGETHER ON THURSDAY.

The overseers of the poor will hold another set-to at the city farm Thursday evening when "Kid" McCoy and Eddie Eastman will again entertain the members in a purely scientific encounter. Sec. Courtney will referee and the club physician, Dr. Donlan will pass upon the physical qualifications of the scrappers before they enter the ring.

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WASHINGTON DAY

Observed by Patriotic Exorcises in Schools

Exercises in honor of the anniversary of Washington's birthday, which occurs tomorrow, were held in a number of the schools today. The programs were all of a patriotic character.

BUTLER SCHOOL.

An elaborate program was carried out by the pupils of the Butler grammar school in Gorham street in the school hall this afternoon. The exercises commenced at 2 o'clock. The following program was carried out:

Salute to The Flag
"The Flag that Betsey Made" Vera Veevera
Chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner" School
Dialogue John McKenna, John Asquith
"The Father of His Country" Sylvia Mason
Piano solo, "The Little Soldiers' March" Winnie Greuber
"In the Good Old Days" Joseph Sullivan
"When Sunset Turns," etc Mollie Rogers
Violin obligato Alfred, Esther and Ida Pihle
"Washington's Christmas Party" Lillian Green
Chorus, "The Red, White and Blue," School
"The Star Spangled Banner" Harry Erickson
Taps ..... George Kerwin
"The Veteran" ..... James Allen
Violin obligato Esther Pihl and Ethel Webster
"Every Man a Veteran" Louis Sykes and Chorus
"The Modern Martha Washington" Alice Sheehan
"Good-bye, Little Girl, Good-bye" Joseph Sousa and Chorus
"Lincoln at Gettysburg" Geo. Freeman
"Mt. Vernon Bells," Mastera Gumb, Nelson, McHugh, Murphy, Dowd, Callahan, Entwistle.
Special James Winn, James Broderick
Chorus, "The New America" ....School

EDSON SCHOOL.

Appropriate exercises were held at the Edson grammar school this afternoon. Owing to the fact that there is no hall in the school, exercises were held in the different class rooms, elaborate programs having been prepared by the different teachers. The different programs consisted of readings, recitations and patriotic songs.

VARNUM SCHOOL.

There was a general observance of the anniversary of George Washington's birthday by the pupils of the Varnum grammar school, but the exercises were held in the individual rooms owing to the fact that the hall had to be utilized recently for the overflow rooms. The teachers arranged programs appropriate to the occasion and the pupils participated.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Washington day exercises were held at all of the primary schools in this city today, some being held in the morning while others were in the afternoon. In a number of the schools special work has been prepared by the pupils in the way of drawings of pictures, while the traits of Washington's life and little stories in connection with his life had been learned and were recited.

DEATHS

CAREY—Frank P. Carey, well known and very popular throughout the city, passed away last night at nine o'clock at the home of his brother, Michael Carey, 121 Lawrence street. Deceased was 31 years of age and for a number of years was employed in the stock room of The Sun Job Print department. During late years he has been employed as a mixologist at the Harvard. He is survived by one brother, Michael.

ROURKE—John F. Rourke, for several years a cab driver in the city, died last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Burns, at 43 Wamesit street. He was 32 years old. He also leaves a mother and one brother, Henry.

MONAHAN—Owen Monahan died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. W. Cox, 32 Brooks street. He leaves besides his daughter, seven sons, John, Martin, Dominick, Owen, Patrick and Stephen, all of Lowell, and Thomas of New York. He has been a devout member of St. Patrick's church.

FEYLER—Frank F. Feyler, aged 47 years, died at his home, 71 Worthen street, on Saturday. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a mother, two sisters and two daughters. The remains were forwarded to Waldoboro, Me., for burial.

PANIC STRICKEN

Town is in a State of Terror

BAKU, Caucasia, Feb. 21.—The town is panic stricken, the banks are closed and business is suspended, as a result of yesterday's disturbances and the numerous attacks of armed Mussulmen on Armenians which have been going on since Sunday in various quarters of Baku. The attacks are attributed to racial enimity.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

CITY HALL, BANKS AND SALOONS WILL CLOSE.

Tomorrow being a holiday city hall, with the exception of the board of health office, will be closed all day. The licensed saloons of the city will also be closed. The banks will also close.

LATEST

MINERS ENTOMBED

More Than 100 Buried in Virginia Mines

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 21.—E. T. Schuler, one of the owners of the Virginia mines, where more than 100 miners were imprisoned yesterday afternoon by an explosion, was advised this morning that the rescuers were close to the entombed men and that one body has been found and removed. Schuler thinks there is a good chance for a number of the miners to be found alive, as he says the air shaft into the mine is working. The rescue parties worked all night and were augmented by miners from various mines in the district.

HIT HER HUSBAND

Maggie Kirkland Was in Angry Mood

SHE ATTACKED HUBBY IN PUBLIC STREET

Passed Him a Quiet Little Upper Cut

WHILE THE STEEPLE BELLS WERE RINGING

She Used to Live in Tenth Avenue

The rather unusual case of a woman charged with assault and battery on her husband was tried in police court today. Mrs. Samuel Kirkland was the defendant and she was charged with assaulting her husband in the public street. John J. Hogan appeared for the defendant and D. J. Donahue for the Commonwealth.

Samuel Kirkland said that one week ago last Sunday at 10.15 o'clock in the morning he met his wife about opposite the High street Congregational church.

Witness said: "She called me bad names. She insulted my sisters, and when I tried to get away from her she struck me in the face. Her action was witnessed by several persons who were on the way to church."

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland are not living together. On cross-examination witness said he was on his way to church when the assault occurred, the First Pentecostal church, at the corner of Jackson and Central streets.

Josefin Stosch, a Polish girl, through the medium of Mr. Stein, the interpreter, said she saw the defendant strike Mr. Kirkland. "It was not a love slap—it was an angry hit."

Robert Hood was another witness for the government and he corroborated Mr. Kirkland's story of the assault.

Mrs. Kirkland told her story of the affair, dramatically. "I met my husband in the street. His nephew and another young man were with him. I faced my husband in the street and he said to me: 'Ain't you pretty?' I told him that I remembered the day when he thought I was pretty. We discussed our past lives and he called me a very bad name. His words provoked me and I struck him."

"Who started the casting up?" asked Mr. Donahue in cross-examination.

"He did," replied Mrs. Kirkland, "when he asked me if I lived in Tenth avenue, New York."

"Were you angry?"

"Not a whit more angry than he was."

"Answer my question, yes or no."

"I was very angry."

"Were there many people in the street when the assault occurred?"

"There was no stoppage of travel."

"Did you speak in loud tones?"

"You must remember that it was Sunday and I would not break the Sabbath."

"No, but you came near breaking your husband's face."

"Then's he's a poor man to tell it."

"Have you ever taken walks with other men?"

"None in particular."

"Are you a drinking woman?"

"Only as my system requires it. I do not abuse liquor."

"Do you know that your husband has watched you?"

"Yes, I do."

On re-direct examination Mrs. Kirkland said her husband had "thumbed his nose" at her on several occasions and had said mean insulting things to her.

After short arguments by the lawyers, Judge Hadley reviewed the evidence briefly, and ordered the defendant to pay a fine of $12.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Archie M. Goodwin was sentenced to three months in jail and was ordered in $100 to keep the peace for six months. Four first offenders were fined $2 each and one was released.

IN GREAT DEMAND

Social Invitations Pour In Upon Mayor Casey

Mayor Casey will have a busy Washington's birthday and it all comes on him at the same time, for though during the day city hall will be closed and his honor may then take a rest, in the evening he is due to address the reunion of St. Louis' parish, and he is down for a speech at the entertainment of the Holy Name society of the Immaculate Conception church and finally he is to be in the march at the Mechanics' Phalanx ball.

If the social demands upon the mayor's time continue, for his own peace of mind he will have to follow the example of the mayor of Worcester, who not only decided not to attend social functions but inserted in his inaugural address a statement to the effect that owing to his many business engagements as mayor he would have to decline all social invitations except in the case of distinguished visitors to the city or representatives from other city governments coming to town.

Mayor Casey finds time to accept all the local invitations but has been obliged to decline several from out of town.

SATURDAY DANCES

REV. FR. MURPHY PREACHED UPON THEM.

At St. Michael's church Sunday, Rev. Fr. Murphy preached a forceful sermon on the subject of Saturday night dances as conducted in Lowell.

HEARING ON BILL

For Change in Election Laws

The committee on election laws, Senator Cheney, chairman, gave a hearing today on a petition praying that candidates for elective offices be nominated by direct plurality vote. This would do away with the conventions which are called to nominate candidates for representatives and the senate in those districts that include towns that have not accepted the Lucy law. The hearing was largely attended and was productive of great interest.

TEXTILE SCHOOL

Subject of Two Hearings in Boston

The Lowell Textile school was the subject of two hearings before the committee on education in room 441 at the state house today. The first hearing was on house bill 38 for completion of equipment and for grading grounds of the school and the other was on house bill 433 asking that two more trustees, for the school, be chosen from its graduates. A. G. Cummock, president of the trustees; Clerk James T. Smith and Principal Crosby appeared in support of the petitions. There were no remonstrants.

F. O. E. NOTICE

All members of local 23 are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, Frank P. Carey, 121 Lawrence street at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, February 22, at which place the exercises of our order will be carried out. Per order,
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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITION

LIQUOR MONEY

Hearing on Petition to Give Half to County

A hearing on the bill accompanying the petition of Byron B. Johnson and others for legislation to provide that one-half the fees for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be paid to the counties and one-half to the commonwealth, was held before the committee on liquor laws at the state house today.

The attendance was large and there was quite a sprinkling of the fair sex, representatives of the various temperance associations, all of whom lent attentive ear to the proceedings. The caustic remarks of Johnson, Sr., met with replies of a similar nature from the remonstrants.

Mr. E. C. Paull of Taunton called to order at 10.45 and Mr. Byron B. Johnson opened for the petitioners

Mr. Johnson said that in order to present the case fairly, squarely and comprehensively, he would have to scan the operations of 1903. He explained the intention of the bill and said he had corralled his facts to a certain extent, from the reports of the state auditor, county comptroller, prison commissioners, legislative investigations and other side lights.

He said it was 27 years ago that the division of license fees was first entered. He appeared for and advocated the spirit of the petition because he said it sought to right a wrong, and as a citizen of Massachusetts he felt it his duty to favor and assist any bill, petition or suggestion that in his estimation would accrue to the benefit of the people as a whole.

CAUSES INSANITY.

In referring to the liquor habit he called attention to reports showing that 87 per cent. of the insanity, 67 per cent. of the poverty and 94 per cent. of the crime of the country were due to the use of intoxicating liquors.

Referring again to the county comptroller's report he called attention to the fact that the towns and cities in the commonwealth are making money out of the fines collected for drunkenness.

The state of Massachusetts last year paid more than $3,000,000 because of the effects of the liquor traffic and from the same cause the counties paid $1,000,000.

Mr. Adams of Lowell asked for a fuller explanation relative to the state and county expenditures and Mr. Johnson said he would read a detailed explanation later.

He argued that every liquor license granted is a state license and the money represented, the license fees, should be equally distributed in every city and town in the commonwealth according to population.

By way of illustration Mr. Johnson referred to Barnstable County which he said was taxed $21,450 and he said if the state license fee had been equalized Barnstable would have been taxed a little over $100.

"How much would this reduce the tax of Suffolk county?" asked Mr. Adams of Lowell.

"Let me go along," said Mr. Johnson, "and I will get to it, if I don't, you go for me."

DREW COMPARISONS.

He drew comparisons of tax valuations between different counties to demonstrate the truthfulness of his argument relative to the unequal division.

He said that the present system is an abominable administration of law. Money, he said, was wrongfully taken and wrongfully given. He said it was a cold blooded discrimination between classes, and places and people.

He said the petition embraced a question of fair taxation and was purely a business question.

SON FOLLOWS FATHER.

Mr. Melvin M. Johnson, representing all of the state temperance societies, except the anti-saloon league, followed his father, in the advocacy of the petition.

Johnson, Jr., said he would call on three witnesses and the first was Col. Edward H. Haskell of Newton. Mr. Haskell is a paper manufacturer with large paper mills in Maine.

He favored it from the standpoint of a fair and equitable distribution of taxation and also from the temperance standpoint and he hoped that the legislation advocated by Mr. Johnson would obtain. He spoke strongly from the standpoint of a temperance man.

He said he represented a large commercial interest employing more than 2000 operatives and he referred to the evil effects of the license system on the community in general.

Mr. Griffin Place of Woburn spoke next and he was followed by Mr. Alfred Noon, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society of which Hon. John D. Long is president. Mr. Noon spoke not only from the temperance standpoint but also from the standpoint of what he was pleased to call an "overburdened taxpayer." Mr. Noon lives in Everett and he was heartily in favor of an equal distribution as set forth in the petition in hearing.

Melvin M. Johnson, after the Everett man had finished, spoke of the petition. He said that the bill provides a fair show for every man. He believed that he who danced should pay the fiddler. He said it was a matter of getting money to support the criminal and insane from the source that supplies the criminal and insane.

THE REMONSTRANTS.

H. A. Dubuque, city solicitor for Fall River was the first to be heard in remonstrance. He said the argument set forth in Mr. Johnson's bill was one to equalize taxation and he said it wouldn't go.

He said it was impossible to equalize taxation from one standpoint. How about the state roads that the towns derive a benefit from? he asked. After citing other instances he turned upon Mr. Johnson's proposition and referred to it in the following words. "Just making a compact with the devil." He said the no-license people were looking for a letter to vote no-license, a financial consideration and he wondered at the temperance people trying to get hold of what they have stigmatized as "blood money."

"This is an attempt to make good people by law," he said. "It is not a temperance movement. You cannot make Boston and Fall River vote no-license."

Referring to the statement made as to drink being responsible for crime, the speaker said that Fall River, his own city, threw the words back into the door of their birth. He spoke of the strike in Fall River and told of the orderly conduct, the absence of crime and the general good behavior of the people of the city during the tragedy of weeks.

The temperance people, he said wanted to make the question of voting no a financial consideration and he charged them with adroitness if not insincerity.

OTHERS ORDER'T.

Other remonstrants heard were City Solicitor Griffith of Holyoke, Mayor Eastman of Lynn and Representative Hayes of Lowell, all of whom said that the spirit of the petition in hearing was far from being a business proposition.

They said if it was the intentaion of the petitioners to bring in a temperance measure it should have been brought in its proper clothing and not under the guise of a business proposition with its wings clipped.

Mr. Griffith said he was a temperance advocate, had never indulged in the use of intoxicating liquors, but he did not believe in the measure as presented. It would burden the city that he represented, he said, with an unnecessary tax and it was not a business proposition. It was not a practical question, he said, and it was brought in and advocated under false colors.

City Solicitor Raley of Springfield and City Solicitor O'Donnell of Northampton appeared as remonstrants.

They said if it was the intention of or the putting in force of the conditions embodied in the petition would revolutionize the liquor license revenue and impose hardships entirely unnecessary.

Representatives from no-license towns were among the remonstrants.

The hearing closed with a word of rebuttal from M. M. Johnson. At one o'clock today the committee reported "leave to withdraw."

ONLY ONE ARREST.

Matters in police circles are very quiet today, it being one of the quietest Mondays at the police station for a long time. The arrest of a drunk was the only thing to relieve the monotony since court time this morning.

HORSE THIEVES

TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN ARE ACCUSED.

BREWSTER, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Two women and two men are prisoners here with twenty-six charges of horse stealing against them.

The prisoners are John Summers and Frank Odell and their wives. They were captured at Bridgeport, Conn., in the house where they all lived, and while quarreling over the spoils of a recent robbery.

Summers is 45 years old and his wife is 19. Odell is 23 years old and is married to a woman of 35. There is a specific charge against the men for stealing a team of horses from J. B. Onderdonk, of Round Brook, hitching them to a buggy taken from the wagon house of Eugene Veghte, in which they rode to New York and thence to Connecticut.

One of the horses was found at Bridgeport, while the other was sold to a butcher in Springfield. The men have admitted this theft.

In the possession of the men was a diagram showing all the barns around Round Brook, Onderdonk's barn being the first on the list.

The police had been watching the quartette for several days, but they had no sure proof against them until Summers began to quarrel with Odell, claiming that as he was the older man he should receive more of the results of the theft than the younger.

Prosecutor Herdine at New Brunswick, has had the men indicted for the Onderdonk theft, and will have them taken there as soon as the Brewster case is settled.

FOUND BY HUSBAND

WOMAN WAS DYING UNDER WINDOW OF HOME.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Anna Hirsch, of No. 140 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street, wife of Joseph Hirsch, a tobacconist at No. 183 Water street, died in her home yesterday morning half an hour after she had fallen from the window of a bedroom on the third floor of the house to the rear yard.

The case was reported to the coroners' office as a suicide. Mrs. Hirsch was alone in her room at the time, and no one saw her jump from the window, but she had been melancholy for some time because of ill health. She lived only half an hour after her husband and two sons picked her up.

Mr. Hirsch had gone downstairs to breakfast, expecting his wife would follow in a few minutes. Her son Louis, after bidding her good morning, had also gone downstairs a moment before she fell.

G. H. Wood, the hustling Central street jeweler, is able with the aid of an absence of several weeks, having fractured his leg. It is pretty hard to keep a good man down.

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BIG EXPLOSION IN MINE

WHEELING, W. VA., FEB. 20.—REPORTED EXPLOSION IN PROVIDENCE MINE NEAR ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO, SEVERAL ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND MANY HURT.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

DES MOINES, IOWA, FEB. 20.—TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED IN A WRECK ON THE ROCK ISLAND A MILE AND A HALF WEST OF WIOTA, IOWA, TODAY.

FOREIGN MARKET

Cotton Men Want it Extended

FAVOR THE CREATION OF COMMISSION

President Wants to Help Out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt today received a committee appointed by the recent Southern Interstate Cotton convention at New Orleans to urge the creation of a commission to extend the foreign markets for cotton products. The delegation committee consisted of about a dozen members headed by former Senator McLaurin of South Carolina. The committee urged immediate steps looking to congressional action for this purpose in behalf of the cotton interests. The president discussed the question with the delegation and said he would take it up with the men who represent the cotton belt in congress. He assured the committee that he would do all he could to facilitate the movement.

Senator McLaurin who introduced the committee, spoke as follows:

Mr. President:

"We are here to express regret that the recommendation in our last annual message for the appointment of a commission to study and report on the resources of the great Oriental markets for a field for American trade and enterprise has not received the attention which it deserved from congress.

"We beg that the recommendation be renewed in a special message to congress and we do so as the spokesmen of the Southern Interstate Cotton convention held in New Orleans, La., last month which unanimously adopted a resolution directing this committee to submit the question of how to enlarge the markets for our cotton products to your attention.

"The interest of no two classes are more closely allied, nor so mutually dependent as the cotton producers and cotton manufacturers. One cannot long thrive at the expense of the other. There is some middle ground where the entire cotton industry will find a stable basis and where labor with the manufacturer and producer will find a just remuneration for its efforts.

"Mr. President, the full value of a raw material is only obtained when manufactured nearest the point where that raw material is produced.

"We are producing far more food and clothing material than we need for home consumption, and we must either curtail production or find outside markets for the surplus; that latter we believe can be done with profit and justice to all and with injury to none.

"We believe that the south is not afflicted with over production in its cotton industry, but that under proper methods of distribution there is a market for all that we can produce. At the present rate of export we are sending but little more than the equivalent of one yard of our cotton fabrics to every inhabitant in China; if the consumption of cotton cloth per head of the Chinese population was equal to that of the United States there would not be cotton enough grown in the world to supply it.

You, Mr. President, have done your utmost to preserve the boundless possibilities of this market for American commerce and industry by your steadfast and resolute adhesion to the policy of the open door—of equality of commercial opportunity for all nations in the far east. The question seems pertinent, why cannot the exporters and manufacturers of the United States do the rest, without further aid or cooperation from their government? The answer is to be found in the peculiar conditions which surround the introduction of foreign goods into the interior of China. It is the testimony of all who have studied the subject from actual observation that China's trade possibilities are immeasurable; that foreign trade has merely scratched the surface of them and that the great majority of the Chinese are familiar neither with foreigners nor foreign products.

That a careful study by competent men of the new conditions which mark the dawn of the new day in China would bring out facts of the highest value to the manufacturers and merchants of the United States and particularly to those engaged in the production and distribution of cotton fabrics does not admit of question.

Central and South America used $3,000,000 of our goods last year. They being our nearby neighbors our trade with them should be largely increased.

From correspondence based on consular reports, it will be seen that the Mediterranean, Red sea and Persian gulf regions are clamoring for our goods and for reasons removable cannot obtain them.

Mr. President, we believe these countries can be so developed that they will become large and regular users of our goods. We therefore respectfully request that you obtain authority from congress to appoint to begin this work at once, a special commission to take steps for the extension of the export markets for cotton products in China, Central and South America, the Persian gulf, the Mediterranean and Red sea regions.

Senator McLaurin then submitted the address of the committee.

Mr. President: During the last days of January there met in New Orleans one of the most remarkable industrial assemblages that we have had in the south since the war. The term cotton growers' convention is to some extent misleading, for the convention represented the merchants, bankers and millmen to an equal extent.

The convention found itself face to face with two phases of a situation that called for action. First, the unreasonably high prices for cotton in 1902 and 1903 had while curtailing the consumption of cotton products stimulated the largest acreage on record, which with good seasons has produced a surplus of 2,000,000 bales over the consumptive demand of present sales. The able men who guided the deliberations of the convention fully realized that when they took steps to make 10 cent cotton next year, that the price would in 1907 again stimulate a large acreage and that unless we could before that time find wider markets for our products, that we would have a repetition of the difficulties that now confront us. No one familiar with the uses of cotton doubts that this is possible. We can point to an export trade in one section of North China, that with comparatively little effort was increased to over 20,000,000 dollars in a few years. I have no hesitation in saying that in China, Morocco, Abyssinia and other portions of the east, we can with proper effort develop markets that will speedily put cotton and cotton products on a permanently prosperous basis.

The convention adopted a resolution appointing a committee to ask you, as the president of the whole country and friend of all its people, to use the power of your great office to assist us in this undertaking. We were directed to confer with the leading exporters, and among them, I requested the cooperation of Mr. John Ford and Mr. Silas D. Webb, president and secretary of the American Asiatic association of New York. After a full conference we have agreed and committed our requests to writing, which we will submit for your consideration.

The committee later conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

WEAVERS STRIKE

Would Not Agree to 10-Loom System

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 20.—The weavers employed in the upper weave room of the Barnard mill struck this morning.

They claim that an attempt was made to introduce the ten-loom system and that weavers were to receive no extra compensation for the two additional looms. A meeting was held in the weavers' building at 10 o'clock and a committee of five, including Secretary Whitehead of the Weavers' association, was appointed to interview the agent of the mill. There are about 350 weavers employed at the factory and over half are on strike. No attempt has been made to change to ten looms in the lower weave room and the operatives there are at work. President N. B. Borden of the Manufacturers' association is agent at the Barnard.

BAVARIAN OFFICER

HAS SPENT EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN THIBET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Lieut. Wilhelm Filchner, an officer of the Bavarian army, and an explorer, has arrived on the Siberia after about 18 months of travel and exploration in Thibet. The purpose of the lieutenant's travels was scientific research and a desire to be the first to bring from an unknown country records which will be of great value to travelers and explorers.

JABEZ PARKER DEAD.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 20.—Jabez Z. Parker, a well known lecturer throughout the south, died suddenly last night, at the age of 78 years. He was secretary of state of Alabama in 1872 and won distinction in the civil war.

FAVOR MINING THE HARBOR.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 20.—The army submarine mining board, which has been investigating the submarine mining defences of Newport harbor and Narragansett bay finished its work today. It is understood that they will report in favor of further mining the bay and harbor.

CONGRESSMAN OTIS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Congressman Norton P. Otis, of the Nineteenth district, died early today at Hudson Terrace, his home in Yonkers. Congressman Otis, who was 65 years old, was formerly mayor of Yonkers and had been active in the republican politics of Westchester county for many years. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Otis Elevator company and possessed a large fortune. Mr. Otis was born in Halifax, Vt., and traced his ancestery to John Otis, who came from Hingham, England, to Massachusetts in 1635. His father invented the elevator and founded the company which bears his name.

WELL KNOWN MUSICIAN DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Albert LaRue, well known among musicians and musical publishers as an arranger and composer, is dead at his home here from pneumonia.

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PROPRIETORS.

FOR EXTRADITION

New York State Wants Appleyard

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—A hearing on the question of the extradition of Arthur E. Appleyard of this city to the state of New York, was arranged for today at the state house. Appleyard is wanted at Buffalo to answer to an indictment which charges him with grand larceny in connection with the suspension of the German Bank of Buffalo. Requisition papers for Appleyard were granted by Governor Higgins of New York and the hearing today was to decide whether the requisition would be honored by Governor Douglas of this state.

The hearing was scheduled to take place at 10 a. m. and Asst. Attorney General Greenhalge, representing the governor and Frederick H. Williams, counsel for Appleyard and Alfred Hemmenway, associated with Mr. Williams in this case, were present, but detective Sergeant Holmes of Buffalo and District Attorney Coatsworth of New York, did not arrive at the time scheduled. In the course of an hour, however, word was received from the New York official that their train had been delayed and Assistant Attorney General Greenhalge announced that it would be postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Appleyard was not present at the state house this morning.

EXTRA SESSION

President About Decided to Call One

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—President Roosevelt who for weeks has been hopeful that some definite action might be taken at the present session of congress on the railroad rate question practically has relinquished the idea of securing legislation on the subject this winter. It is reasonably certain that he will not call an extraordinary session of congress to meet in the spring, but, unless he changes his mind, he will call congress together probably next October.

CHOOSING ELECTORS

PERSONAL SAFETY OF DELEGATES IS GUARANTEED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20—Senator Schidlovski, president of the commission appointed by Emperor Nicholas to ascertain the causes of discontent among the working classes of St. Petersburg, in a note issued today, invites the employers and workmen to elect representatives to sit on the commission. Factory owners and contractors employing not less than a hundred persons are entitled to elect 15 representatives of the different industries while the workmen of the various establishments can choose electors who March 50 will elect 45 delegates to serve on the commission. Each establishment employing from 100 to five hundred persons is entitled to choose one elector and those employing five hundred to 1000 persons two electors. Concerns employing over a thousand persons are entitled to an elector for each five hundred employees. Both men and women are entitled to vote but delegates must be men who have worked at least a year in their respective factories and must be freely elected by the workers themselves without interference on the part of the employers. The note issued by Senator Shidlovski guarantees the personal safety of the delegates.

ADDICKS LOST ANOTHER VOTE.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 20—Two ballots were taken by the Delaware legislature in joint session today. J. Edward Addicks lost one more vote, that of speaker Denny of the house and T. Coleman Dupont gained two votes.

Joseph H. Mellen, formerly head waiter at the Rockingham hotel in Central street, is engaged in a like capacity in Mr. Corey's lunch room in Prescott street.

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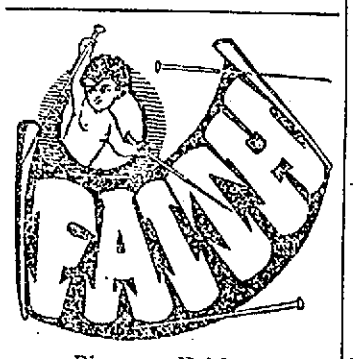

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THE MARRIAGE TIE

Cannot be Dissolved by Mutual Consent

STRONG SERMON BY THE REV. JOHN SCULLY

Says the Bond is a Life One

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—In the Immaculate Conception church, last evening, long before the service began, every seat in th eedifice was occupied by those desirous of attending the series of conferences on "Matrimony," being held by the Rev. John Scully, S. J., each Sunday evening this month.

Last evening among the many questions answered by the Rev. Father Scully was "Would the man who hangs Mrs. Rogers commit murder?"

The reverend speaker answered "No," and said that "the lawful sentence of a competent tribunal to condemn one to death must be carried out by one lawfully empowered to do so. This is done by way of punishment to the wrongdoer and for the greater safety of society. 'The commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' has no application to a case of that kind."

ON MARRIAGE.

In regard to the marriage contract the Rev. Fr. Scully said:

"Never can matrimony be dissolved at pleasure by mutual consent. This is against the law of nature. Other contracts may be set aside at pleasure by the contracting parties without harm to anyone, but not this one.

"This is true not only of Christian marriage, but of every lawful marriage of any kind, for the reason that the essence and the end of the marraige contract demands a permanency not necessary in other contracts.

"Its essence is the mutual power of each over the body of the other, the mutual obligation to give the marriage use of it only to the other, the right to live together in common.

"Its end is the procreation and education of their offspring—the formation of a separate family. What is in opposition to these is opposed to the primary laws of nature.

BOND IS LASTING.

"If marriage may be dissolved at pleasure, by mutual consent, like any other contract, the essence of matrimony is destroyed, because the end of matrimony shows that the mutual duties and rights it imposes and gives are lasting. Otherwise, what becomes of the children?

"What reason can there be for mutual fidelity in thought and act?

"Such a power to dissolve the marriage tie at pleasure by mutual consent has therefore never been permitted in any civilized community.

"It would open the way to unbridled lust, to misnamed 'free love,' and not merely lead to it, but necessarily cause it.

The bill of divorce (Detu. 24:1) tolerated among the Hebrews does not contradict this. In our translation everything in that sentence is conditional except (1) the man may give a bill of divorce, (2) he may not take her back.

"In Hebrew and Greek everything is conditional except that he may not take her back. None of them favors King James' version: 'She may go and be another man's wife'. That a man could put away his wife 'for any blemish' is a new opinion of the Hillel school and was denied by the Schamonai school.

"But this passage shows that, in some cases, dissolution of marriage by mutual consent may not be forbidden by the primary laws of nature. How? Because, if the marriage tie were then dissolved, it did not destroy the essence of marriage. Many hold it was not dissolved, but only that polygamy was tolerated.

WHAT NATURE SAYS.

"But such a dissolution is always forbidden by nature's secondary laws prescribing what is most efficacious to attain the end, so that what impedes this is forbidden.

"What can be more at variance with marital fidelity than that either should think of marrying someone else? It undermines affection, exaggerates difficulties and necessarily leads to divorce.

"If they know their bond is a life one, it will help both to tide over mutual annoyances and forget them, instead of brooding over them."

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SENT TO PRISON

Greek Pleaded Guilty of Manslaughter

TAUNTON, Mass., Feb. 20.—Pantelas Calavritinos, a Greek, of this city, indicted on the charge of murder in the second degree for the shooting to death of Constantine Chipouras in Taunton on March 8, 1904, today pleaded guilty to manslaughter, in the superior court. His plea was accepted, and he was sentenced by Justice White to not more than ten years nor less than eight years in state prison.

Calavritinos and Chipouras were both members of the local Greek colony and quarrelled over the latter's sister, with whom Calavritinos was in love.

BOSTON DELEGATE

DECLARED THAT HE WAS A SOCIALIST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Delegates numbering 200 are attending the fifteenth annual convention of the Independent Order of the Sons of Benjamin Grand Lodge. Considerable disorder occurred during the opening session, led by a delegate from Boston, who declared himself to be a socialist and interrupted an address in which Grand Master Levy said:

"It is a fundamental fact that prosperity and advancement must ever reign hand in hand with peace and unity on this the land of the free, where liberty of speech and of conscience and of religious worship has ever been accorded to us, restrained only within the limits of propriety when bordering on archism and socialism."

The gentleman from Boston arose at this point declaring himself to be a socialist and averring pride in his belief. An uproar arose and a motion was made to expel the delegate. This was tabled however, and the offender was given time to recant.

Grand Master Levy, who has served in that capacity for 17 years, announced that he would not accept another.

PUPILS ARRESTED

FOR INDUCING OTHERS TO REMAIN AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Feb. 20—A number of the older pupils of the High schools who had been inducing children of the lower forms to absent themselves from school, have been arrested by police and soldiers.

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FIERY SPEECHES

Spirit of Revolution in the Russian Empire

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—3.40 p. m. The spirit of revolution had complete possession of the great meeting of professors, students and directors of the St. Petersburg university which assembled at noon to discuss the question of joining in the general strike inaugurated by similar institutions in Russia and decided to close the university till fall. In anticipation of possible trouble when the meeting broke up, squardons of Cossacks again paraded the streets, especially the Nevsky Prespect and the neighborhood of the Kazan cathedral, which is always a point for student demonstrations.

It was the first joint meeting of students and professors ever authorized but in view of the gravity of the situation it was hoped the presence of the professors, most of whom are in complete sympathy with the liberal movement, would exercise a restraining influence.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the university, a pile of yellow buildings on Basil island. Neva Hall being comparatively small and incapable of holding one-fifth of the 4000 students assembled. The auditorium was packed with earnest looking young men and women and the doorways and windows were banked with students, who held others on their shoulders. It was a strange gathering. Most of the students were poorly clad and all were in a state of intense excitement. A small rostrum in the corner was occupied by the speaker. A bell with which the student who presided tried to stop the thunders of applause with which the orators were greeted, was completely unavailing. From the outset student orators set the imagination of their auditors aflame with the spirit of liberty, unsparingly denouncing the course of the government, declaring that present conditions could not longer prevail and that the only satisfaction would be freedom of speech, conscience and the press and the convocation of a national assembly. The majority coupled this with a demand for ending the war. Almost every orator went back to the French revolution for parallels. Again and again was Russia declared to be on the eve of a revolution.

One of the students described the affair of January 22, which he said had at last solidified the interests of the Liberals and those of the workingmen. Amid cheers he announced that a continuation of study was impossible while such a struggle was in progress and said it was the duty of the young men there assembled and others like them to return to their home in the provinces and spread the agitation.

Some of the professors tried to stem the tide with moderate counsels, advising the students to go back to their studies, but their advice was howled down.

When Prof. Sheranzl, one of the speakers, revealed the fact that Governor General Trepoff had threatened not to permit any student who left his studies to re-enter any of the big universities the statement was received with a howl of rage.

But the speeches in the auditorium were mild and temperate compared with those delivered at the overflow meetings in the class rooms where even the murder of Grand Duke Sergius was glorified. An attempt of a few reactionary students to hold an opposition meeting ended in a dismal affair. Less than fifty students responded to the call and the meeting was abandoned.

The few foreign newspaper correspondents who were admitted to the university were amazed at the incendiary character of the meeting and the absolute freedom with which the students knowing that the auditorium was filled with government spies, boldly made themselves liable to the charge of treason. In their minds every one could almost picture out the Mirabedemous and the Desmoulins and possibly Dantons and Robespierres of the future.

It seemed strange with the soldiers outside ready to crush anything in the nature of a street demonstration that such a meeting was allowed. It was necessary to explain, however, that under the law once a meeting is authorized the police cannot stop it unless the university directors call them in.

The speeches grew more and more excited. An address from Italian students was read denouncing the tragedy of Jan. 22 and the general tyranny of the bureaucracy and expressing sympathy with the Russian aspirations for liberty.

When shortly after 3 o'clock a recess was taken the whole student body began singing the Russian "Marseillaise" which begins:

"You fell victims of love of your country."

A wild scene followed. The students unfurled a red flag on which was written:

"Hail to the constituent assembly."

With this flag the students began parading the auditorium and adjoining corridors.

A portrait of Emperor Nicholas was also taken down from the wall and carried in the procession. The portrait was torn in a slight skirmish but this called forth a protest from the vast majority of those present, who were careful to avoid even the appearance of disrespect to his majesty. Many proclamations were distributed.

When the meeting re-convened, it was decided to divide on the question of joining in the general strike and vote first on the resolutions explaining the motive of the action of the students and afterwards vote on the question of the strike.

FOR DEFENDANT

Court Finds in $50,000 Slander Suit

DEDHAM, Mass., Feb. 20.—The $50,000 slander suit brought against former Mayor Charles M. Bryant of Quincy by Joel F. Shepard, Charles G. Shepard and Eben W. Shepard was decided in favor of the defendant by Judge Hitchcock of the superior court here today. The verdict was directed in the defendant's favor on the ruling that as a matter of law the statements before the legislative committee were absolutely privileged. The case will go to the supreme court on a bill of exceptions filed by the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are coal dealers of Quincy. They allege that certain statements made by Mr. Bryant, before the joint committee of the legislature appointed to investigate the coal strike two years ago had injured their business.

THE JUDAS SHEKEL

NO TRACE OF THE MISSING SHEKEL AS YET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—That missing Judas shekel, the one that Max Fisher, keeper of a garage at 220 West Thirty-sixth street, says was stolen from him last Tuesday, hasn't come to light so far as the police know. The trunks that Fisher's housekeeper had consigned to Greenwich on the day of her arrest have been brought back and were searched yesterday at the West Thirty-seventh street station. They contained many articles of clothing and household goods, but the police could find nary a shekel in them.

Since a dire fate betides the possessor of one of the thirty pieces of silver paid for the betrayal of Jesus, it may be that the police don't want to find it.

The secret service men say that neither the shekel nor any of the other coins said to have been stolen from Fisher has been passed on any one to their knowledge. No one has been victimized by the coin bearing the images of Adam and Eve standing beneath an apple tree, and no one has changed the Jupiter and Venus coin given to Ganymede as a tip for vamoosing from Mount Olympus.

Mrs. Mary Wallmer, the housekeeper, has been held all this time.

STRONG PROTESTS

AGAINST AWARD OF ARMOR PLATE CONTRACT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—A vigorous protest was lodged with the president today against the recent award by the navy department of a contract for armor plate to the Bethlehem Steel works. The protest was made by the officers of the Midvale Steel Works, who urged that the fact that their bid for the armor was much lower than that of the Bethlehem Company, entitled them to consideration which they did not receive at the hands of the navy department. The president said he would take the matter under consideration. Later they had a conference with Secretary Morton.

TWELVE INJURED

Two of Them Died in Hospital

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Feb. 20.—Twelve men were badly injured today by the explosion of a stationary boiler at Mine No. 1 of the Providence Coal company near here. Two of the injured have since died and four others are believed to have been fatally hurt.

The dead:—

FRANK MILLER, of Glencoe, Ohio, aged 36, married.

ELI MINTY, hoisting engineer of St. Clairsville, aged 26, married.

Among the injured was William Adams, president of the local branch of the United Mine Workers at St. Clairsville. One eye was blown out and he was badly scalded.

The others were Slavish miners. The cause of the explosion is not known. The explosion blew the boiler house to pieces and hurled the men in all directions.

POISONED BY GAS

ONE PERSON DEAD AND ANOTHER IS DYING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Frank Gesida, aged 15 years, and his cousin, Nicholas Carbini, 17 years old, were found overcome by gas in a room of the Gesida home at 26 Cooper street, east New York, by Mrs. Gesida, yesterday morning. Her son died before the arrival of the ambulance. The Carbini boy was removed to St. Mary's hospital, where it was said last night that he would die. It is supposed that in turning the gas out one of the boys accidentally turned it on again.

KILLED BY STUDENT

LECTURER DID NOT GIVE HIGH MARKS.

MOSCOW, Feb. 20—Henry Victor MacCleland the English lecturer in the commercial academy of Moscow, who was assassinated Feb. 15, by a student, met his death because he did not give the latter high enough marks. It is claimed McCleland imposed in this fashion upon boys who declined to make him presents of money.

FORMER MAYOR

A WITNESS AT THE DODGE-MORSE INQUIRY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Former Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck was a witness before the grand jury today in the Dodge-Morse divorce investigation. Mr. Van Wyck and John F. Carroll, the former leader of Tammany Hall, were associated with Charles W. Morse in the American Ice Co.

SENIORS GIVE IN

End of Trouble at Amherst College

APOLOGY MADE TO THE COLLEGE

Settlement Was Brought About by Alumni

AMHERST, Feb. 20—The senior class of the Massachusetts Agricultural college whose members decided last week to withdraw in a body when announcement was made that three of their number had been suspended for disturbing a recitation today recede from their position and returned to college work. All but the three suspended members appeared at chapel and later went to recitation as usual. At the chapel an apology was offered to the college and to Prof. C. S. Walker in whose department the disturbance occurred on Feb. 7, and the apology was accepted by acting president W. H. Brooks. The settlement of the difficulty is due to the efforts of local alumni of the institution. The names of the suspended men have not been made public.

KILLED IN QUARREL

ARGUMENT OVER HUNGARIAN POLITICS ENDS IN MURDER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Ignatz Tanzawalk, 32 years old, of 36 Jackson street, Newark, was killed in a quarrel over Hungarian politics at his home early yesterday morning, and Joseph Piesak, who resides at the same address, has been arrested charged with the crime. It is alleged that Piesak struck Tanzawalk on the head with a piece of wood.

THE LAW STANDS

STATE CAN IMPOSE COMPULSORY VACINATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Justice Harlan of the supreme court of the United States today delivered the opinion in the case of Jacobson vs. the United States, involving the validity of the Massachusetts state law giving authority to the health authorities of cities and towns in the state to impose compulsory vaccination regulations. He held the law to be constitutional on the ground that the protection of the health of a community may be exercised by the state as a police regulation.

ICE BLOCKADE

ONE STEAMER HAS BEEN FROZEN IN.

ROCKLAND, Me., Feb. 20.—The ice blockade in Penobscot bay assumed a new phase today when it was learned that the steamer Governor Bodwell had been frozen in at Stonington. The steamer left Swan's Island last night, fearful of becoming ice locked there, but at Stoninghum she found her further progress blocked. The Bodwell had a number of passengers for this port. They will be transferred.

WERE PAID FEES

STATEMENT RELATIVE TO MEMBERS OF CANAL BOARD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—A statement showing fees paid to members of the canal commission for service as directors of the Panama railroad was filed today with the investigating committee of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce by Vice President Drake of that road. The statement also shows dividends received on stock of the road held by the commissioners.

Admiral Walker received $250 for attending ten board meetings and $175 as dividends on 35 shares of stock. Commissioner W. R. Barr received $350 for ten board meetings and a $5 dividend on one share of stock; C. E. Grunsky received $250 for meetings and a $5 dividend; W. B. Parsons $395 for meetings and a $5 dividend; B. M. Harrod received $125 for meetings and a $5 dividend.

Mr. Drake continued his testimony of Saturday. He took up the question of the proposed discontinuance of the steamship line operated in connection with the road and argued against it. He also spoke against moving the office from New York to Colon.

As an argument against surrendering the traffic agreement with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Mr. Drake said more than one half of the roads earnings were derived from this source. To withdraw from the traffic agreement, Mr. Drake maintained, would subject the whole Pacific coast to the control of the Trans-Continental railways. Mr. Drake suggested that when the government owns the road it will not be necessary to maintain a board of directors as the entire management of the road can be accomplished by a chief executive.

POSTPONED AGAIN

LEGISLATORS COULD NOT REACH CHARLOTTETOWN.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 20.—For a third time this winter the opening of the provincial legislature was postponed today on account of the inability of the members to reach Charlottetown. The Prince Edward Island Railway is blocked at several points by snow. The federal government has ploughed it out several times but there have been so many storms that the trains cannot keep the lines open.

Steamboat service with the main land this winter has been limited. A mass meeting has been called for today in this city to consider the winter service, but it had to be postponed as few persons from other places could get here.

SULLY HEARING POSTPONED.

NEWYORK, Feb. 20—The continued hearing before a referee in the bankruptcy proceedings against Daniel J. Sully, the failed cotton broker, was postponed until February 20, today at the request of Mr. Sully's counsel, who declared that Mr. Sully was ill.

From Yesterday's Late Edition

POOR OVERSEERS

Hearing Mar. 1 on Bill to Abolish

Rep. Westall today notified Mayor Casey that the hearing before the committee of the legislature on the bill to abolish the board of overseers of the poor will be held in Lowell on March 1.

His honor has been assured that there will be several good arguments presented in favor of the passage of the bill. The overseers themselves are opposed to it and the hearing promises to be spicy.

ROBERT VAUGHN

HAS AGAIN BEEN PLACED IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

Because of bad behavior, Robert Vaughn has again been placed in solitary confinement in the state prison at Charlestown. Members of the state legislature visited the state prison on Saturday and one of them, a Lowell representative, inquired for Robert Vaughn and learned that he was in solitary confinement. He also learned that John Vaughn's conduct is the very best and he has the confidence of all the officers of the institution.

HORSES WENT AWAY

THEY WERE PICKED UP BY OFFICER LANE.

George E. French, a wood dealer in East Carlisle, came into Lowell this morning with a heavy sled containing a number of cords of wood. His two favorite horses Charley and Jim pulled the load to town and French succeeded in getting good money for his wood.

While passing through Merrimack street he spied the candy store in the old City Hall building and having had such good luck in getting rid of his wood he thought he would give his children a treat. Therefore he stopped the horses and going into the store bought a good supply of taffy and other candies.

After making his purchase he left the store, only to find that Charley and Jim had got tired waiting and had walked off. He searched all around for his two animals, but failed to get a trace of them. He then reported the matter at the police station giving a description of the horses and sled and stated that Charley and Jim never played a trick on him like that before.

Mr. French after reporting the matter stated he would take another look around the streets and try and find the animals, but would return if he did not find them. Mr. French had not been long gone from the station house when Police Officer Dan Lane mounted on the floor of the sled driving the two horses swung into Market street. At the time of going to press Mr. French had not called for the horses, but Deputy Welch who had charge of the animals expected him every minute.

FUNERALS

COX—The funeral of Gerard D. Cox took place yesterday afternoon from his residence in Billerica. Rev. Mr. Evans officiated. The bearers were Amos Frost, Lester Pevey, Daniel Donohoe and W. J. Canning. Burial was in Fox Hill cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge.

McMANUS—The funeral of the late Mary McManus, wife of Overseer of the Poor John McManus, took place this morning at 9.30 o'clock from her home, 101 High street, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from Lawrence and Boston. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Church of the Immaculate Conception where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at 10 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Sullivan, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Dereches, O. M. I., as deacon, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I., as sub-deacon and Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., as master of ceremonies.

The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass. At the offertory Mr. P. P. Haggerty sang the "De Jesu," after which Mrs. Margaret McCaffrey Flannagan rendered in a feeling manner "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." At the conclusion of the service the Abt quartet rendered "Nearer, My God, To Thee," and as the remains were leaving the church Mr. James E. Donnelly sang the "De Profundis."

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Large pillow bearing the inscription "Wife," from the husband of the deceased, and a large wreath inscribed "Mamma," from John E., a son of the deceased; pillow, bearing the inscription "At Rest," from the overseers of the poor; basket of cut flowers, Miss Kate McGovern; spray of calla lilies and pinks, from the ambulance drivers, John Cuff, A. L. Parks, John H. Hoar, John Donohoe, Gustave Borjkorn, Raymond W. Eastman and Omer P. Smith; spray, Samuel Poll; wreath, Mr. Edward Cawley; wreath, Gertrude Johnson. The bearers were Overseers of the Poor William H. Shields, Edward H. Foye and William Dunn, Councilmen Edward F. Shea and Andrew McAloon and Ambulance Driver John H. Hoar.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Sullivan, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy.

MATRIMONIAL

Miss Nora Scanlan and Mr. James Cook were united in marriage Saturday evening by the Rev. Fr. McDermod at St. Peter's parsonage. The bride was attended by her niece, Miss Agnes Scanlan, and the best man was a brother of the bride, Mr. Thomas Scanlan. The young couple left for a brief honeymoon and will be at home to their friends at 28 Lawrence street, March 1.

DEATHS

WHIPPLE—Henry J. Whipple, aged 54 years and six months, a former resident of this city, died yesterday at his home in South Nashua. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a wife, two sons and two daughters. The remains will be brought to this city for burial.

BROTHERS—Mrs. Mary A. Brothers, wife of Joseph Brothers, died at her home, 66 Royal street, Saturday, aged 57 years, 11 months and 25 days. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. A. L. Kittredge, and two sons, George W. and Henry C. Brothers.

RELIEF IS SAFE

Missing Lightship Arived in Port Safely

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 20.—Relief lightship No. 58, reported lost at sea, arrived in port this noon, having had a three days' experience buffeting against strong headwinds.

She came in under her own steam with the assistance of U. S. steamer Azela, which picked her up 30 miles from her station. The lightship parted her chain while on the Nantucket shoal station some time Wednesday night, and was blown off about nine miles before her ground tackle would hold. After making an attempt to locate the station buoy and failing in consequence of thick weather, Captain Jorgensen concluded to head for this port.

Head winds interfered with his progress and except for the disablement of his starboard boiler, the ship is none the worse for her experience. Capt. Jorgensen reports that lightship 66 went on her station Saturday night.

SAVED BY STUDENTS

INDIAN BOYS FOUGHT AT SANTA FE.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 20.—Students from the Indian school four miles out have saved Santa Fe from destruction by fire. Flames broke out in the finest business block on the place, spread to other stores and threatened the entire commercial district. The local firemen called on the Indian school for assistance. The boys, dragged a hose cart through the mud four miles and the fire was brought under control after it had caused a loss of $75,000. Two firemen were hurt by falling walls.

BRIBERY CHARGES

REPORT OF FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 20.—After deliberating for nearly four hours, the committee appointed to investigate the bribery charges involving State Senators Emmons, French and Bukers has completed its report which will be filed at today's session of the senate.

While the members of the committee would not give direct answers as to whether the report will recommend the expulsion of the accused men, Senator Sampson, said: "The report will recommend that action be taken in the case of the senators charged with bribery."

MEMORIAL SERVICES

IN HONOR OF LATE GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Elaborate memorial services in honor of the assassinated Grand Duke Sergius have been celebrated here in the Russian Orthodox church. Baron Schilippenbach, the Russian consul and Vice Consul Prince Engalitcheff participated. When the special prayers were chanted for the repose of the soul of the grand duke all present remained on their knees for 20 minutes.

FIRE AND WATER

CAUSED A LOSS OF $5000 IN NEWBURYPORT.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Feb. 20.—A loss of $5000, covered by insurance, was caused by fire and water today at the D. E. Cole & Co. shoe factory. Fire started in a box of waste on the third floor. The automatic sprinklers extinguished it, but before they could be turned off the building and stock were badly wet down, causing the greater part of the damage.

KING WINS SUIT

COURT DECIDES AGAINST HIS DAUGHTER.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 20.—The appeal court today gave judgment in favor of King Leopold in the protracted law suit instituted by his daughter, the Princess Stephens (Countess Lawany) and the creditors of Princess Louise of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, claiming that they were entitled under the Belgian law to half the property of the late Queen Marie Henriette and to half the king's property on the death of the queen. The lower court decided that King Leopold's marriage contract was provided for separate and the estate was a diplomatic instrument superceding the Belgian law. This decision was confirmed by the appeal court.

COLONEL STONE

OPPOSED TO ESCH-TOWNSEND BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Colonel Henry L. Stone, general counsel for the Louisville and Nashville railroad, continued his statement today before the interstate commerce committee of the state in opposition to the Esch-Townsend bill for the regulation of the railroad rates. He objected to the provision of the bill which requires that rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission shall take effect within 30 days and presented his letters of credence to Secretary Hay. His presentation to the president will occur this week.

KILLED HIMSELF

ON ACCOUNT OF A LOVE AFFAIR.

GRENADA, Miss., Feb. 20.—John E. Gayden, Jr., a member of one of the oldest and best known families in this state, committed suicide here last night by inhaling chloroform and taking strychnine. A love affair, it is supposed, caused the act. The young man left a letter to a young woman known among his acquaintances as his sweetheart.

HAVERHILL POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of H. I. Pinkham to be postmaster at Haverhill, Mass.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS OPPOSED SURRENDER

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—3.15 a. m.—According to a despatch from Mukden, special reports have been received at that place stating that the surrender of Port Arthur occurred against the wishes of most of the officers of the garrison. The despatch says that at a general council held after General Kondratenko's death, only two officers, General Reiss, chief of staff to General Stoessel, and Colonel Khvostoff, agreed with General Stoessel that further resistance was useless, the others joining in Lieut. General Smirnoff's view that there should be no surrender until the stores were exhausted. At that time according to the Mukden report, stores for a month remained after serving out 3,600 lbs. of flour to each company of the garrison, other provisions for the hospitals and a large amount of horse meat, flour and canned meats. There were no vegetables which was responsible for many cases of scurvy.

According to the Mukden report the Japanese were amazed when the Russians accepted the conditions. The correspondent adds details of the surrender and describes the thin ranks of the Japanese regiments participating in the entry parade on January 7. Many of these regiments mustered only a few hundred, in spite of fresh drafts, showing how dearly Japan had paid for the fortress.

JAPANESE INFANTRY DID NOT RESPOND

TOKIO, Feb. 20. The headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field reports that the Russians yesterday moved a division from the front of the Japanese centre to the front of the left and advanced from Ta mountain. Several columns moved 15 miles westward, halting at Hangchatatzu which is two miles northwest of Wanchiayuantzu.

The Russians continued to shell portions of the Japanese line on Saturday and the Japanese infantry failed to respond to the bombardment which often was entirely ineffective and is described as being largely a waste of ammunition.

ANOTHER STEAMER HAS BEEN SEIZED

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—3.30 p. m. The capture is announced by the navy department of the British steamer Powderham bound for Vladivostok, with a cargo of Cardiff coal. Where the capture was made is not stated.

The Powderham is a steel screw steamer, 3019 tons register. She was built in Middlesboro, in 1892 and is owned by the Powderham Steamship company of Plymouth, Eng.

TWO RAILWAYS BUILT BY RUSSIANS

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—It is reported that the Russians have constructed two light railways, one connecting Fushun and Yenting and another running from Fuhun to the upper Shakhe. This railway building in connection with other activities and the heavy concentration of troops indicates a plan to turn General Kuroki's right.

General Kuropatkin is continuing his operations of increasing his entire defences and gives indication of a resolute intention of retaining his position when the expected great battle occurs.

The Tokio newspapers print the statement that 120 Japanese captured at Heikoutai, were roped together and paraded through the streets in Mukden. This information comes from Chinese sources and it is impossible to obtain verification here. It is said that there will be an official inquiry into the matter and that the Japanese government will make a protest if the report is found to be true.

CICERO HAMLIN DEAD.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Cicero J. Hamlin, founder of the Village Stock Farm, organizer of the National Trotting association and father of the Grand Circuit, died early today. He was born in 1819, in Austerlitz, Columbia county. Mr. Hamlin has been ailing for a long time.

HUDSON RIVER FROZEN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—From Tarrytown to Nyack, the Hudson river is frozen over solidly for the first time in 10 years. In the channel at Dobbs Ferry the ice is 8 inches thick.

JOHN REDMOND

Opens Campaign Against British Goverment

LONDON, Feb. 20.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, opened the nationalist campaign in the house of commons this afternoon, by moving an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne declaring that the present system of government (of Ireland) is opposed to the will of the Irish people, etc. Mr. Redmond's arguments followed the usual lines. "Ireland," he said, "is governed by a bureaucracy more devoid of responsibility than the bureaucracy of Russia, which England is so fond of denouncing." "Armed revolt would be justified if a chance of success existed."

Sir Antony McDonald (under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland) declared Mr. Redmond had been sent to Ireland to pursue a policy and reform but he had been thwarted in this direction, "and now Mr. Windham rounded on him."

Mr. Redmond announced that his party was opposed to an alliance to any party, which did not make home rule the cardinal plank of its platform.

MADE BLIND

STRANGE ACCIDENT TO A SCHOOL TEACHER.

RAHWAY, N. J., Feb. 20—Miss Clara D. Munyon, for twenty-five years a teacher in the public schools here, became totally blind from a fall Friday morning last. While entering her class room she slipped on the floor, which was oiled with a dust laying preparation, and struck on the back of her head. When assisted to her feet she could not see, and she has not yet regained her sight.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

RHODE ISLAND G. A. R. IN SESSION.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 20.—The Rhode Island state departments of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Women's Relief Corps held their annual conventions in this city today, both bodies being well represented by delegates.

Rev. J. J. Wooley of this city, the state department commander, presided over the meeting of the veterans which was held in G. A. R. hall. The report of the secretary submitted, showed a total membership in the department of 1681, a decrease of 14 from the membership of last year. The financial condition was reported as good. General Wilmon F. Blackmar of Massachusetts, commander-in-chief of the National body, was presented to the convention in the afternoon and delivered an address.

Mrs. Mirla J. Onley of Pawtucket, state president, occupied the chair at the Women's Relief Corps convention held in Park Place church. An aggregate of 14 corps with a total membership of 813, an increase of eight over last year, was reported. The treasurer's report showed receipts of $3167, expenditures of $2245 with a balance of $922 for the year. National President Mrs. Fanny Minot of Concord, N. H., addressed the meeting in the afternoon. The state president, retiring, was presented with a diamond ring during the morning session. Elections were held in the afternoon by both bodies.

FORCED ASHORE

UNKNOWN SCHOONER CAUGHT IN ICE FLOES.

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 20—It is reported here that an unknown four masted schooner has been forced ashore at North Dennis by the ice floes.

Tugs have left this port to investigate. The south westerly wind is driving the ice into this harbor and it is feared it will be entirely blockaded before night for the first time this winter. A number of fishing vessels are in the harbor.

SANTO DOMINGO TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The senate committee on foreign relations today discussed but reached no conclusion on the Santo Domingo treaty. It will come up again Wednesday.

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Kennedy's Best Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Ginger Snaps, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Lemon Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Nic Nac Crackers 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Sultana Fruit Crackers.....10c lb.
Kennedy's Best Graham Crackers 10c lb.
Kennedy's Smyrna Fig Bars, 10c lb.
Kennedy's Tea Biscuits....8c lb.

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WONDERS BEATEN

The Connemaras Defeated Welch's Men

MARVELLOUS ROLLING OF ARTHUR HOUSTON

Other Notable Events on the Alleys

The weekly battle between the Connemaras and the Wonders took place last night on Les Miserables alleys and the followers of Sergt. Connors after losing the last three games demonstrated to the Wonders or Wanderers, as they are sometimes called, that they were still in the running and had the goods to deliver when they wished to do so. The score at the end of the third string was 2117 to 2056, the Connemaras winning by 61 pins.

By winning last night's game the Wonders would have tied the series and the members of Deputy Welch's team tried hard to land last night's game for it meant a great deal, but the Connemaras were out to make up for the loss of the last three games and worked like Trojans with the result that they are now two games to the good.

Many theories have been advanced as to how the Connemaras won the game, but it is doubtful if anyone has yet reached the right one. There are stories going the rounds of the different talismans used by the players, the style of shoes worn and some one said it was owing to the fact that Sergt. Connors kept his fingers crossed all night except when he was bowling and then Bart Ryan took the sergeant's seat and kept his fingers crossed until the latter finished bowling. Martin Conway, Jr., chief of police of Billerica, who is an ardent admirer of the Connemaras, however, may be able to tell how the Connemaras won the game. Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon Martin went through Merrimack square with a suspicious looking bundle under his arm. When hailed by the bowling writer of The Sun he refused to stop, continuing over East Merrimack street towards Les Miserables alleys. Several eye witnesses claim that he entered the private alleys and stayed there for several hours. While no one seems to know what he was doing over there he no doubt had something in that box which charmed the alleys or else he spent the several hours in drawing maps of the different lucky creases which he later furnished to the Connemaras.

At the end of the first string it looked as though it would be the Wonders again for the followers of the deputy were 51 pins ahead, but the Connemaras got up steam during the second period and when the smoke of the battle had cleared away the boards showed that the Connemaras had captured the string by 98 pins, putting them 47 pins in the lead. The third string was for blood and Martin Maher did all in his power to assist the Wonders in winning the string, but the other four members of the team could not stand the gaff and the Connemaras won the string by 24 pins.

Sergt. Connors, who issued a standing challenge to meet any member of the Wonders in a private contest, was high man of the evening having a three string total of 467. He rolled steady from the start there being but a variance of ten pins in his three strings. Martin Maher, of the Wonders, was the next man, his triple amounting to 454. Deputy Welch and Dave Donaldson of the Wonders were away off color last night as was McKay of the Connemaras. The story of the battle condensed is as follows:

CONNEMARAS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Connors	155	151	161	467
McKay	92	167	119	378
Ryan	139	116	167	422
Duncan	158	173	99	430
Peters	137	159	134	430
Total	681	766	680	2117

WONDERS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Welch	120	108	119	347
Atkinson	159	135	128	422
Burns	152	165	124	441
Donaldson	151	117	124	392
Maher	150	143	161	451
Total	732	668	656	2060

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB.

Team three defeated team eight in a close and interesting game on the Highland club alleys last night, the game being one of the regular tournament games. When the last ball was rolled down the alley it was found that team three had won out by the narrow margin of six pins.

"Billy" Meloy was the star bowler of the evening, putting up a single string of 185 and a triple of 523, but the other members of the team were all over 100 pins behind him. Eaton, of the winning team, carried off the honors for his side, with a three string total of 470.

The defeated team won the first string by nine pins, but the second string was lost by 26, leaving team three 17 pins in the lead. The members of team eight, however, spruced up in the last string, winning it by 11 pins, and losing the game by six. The score:

TEAM 3.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Wing	149	151	151	451
McCurdy	144	122	171	437
Griffin	157	146	125	428
Willey	112	125	111	348
Eaton	168	169	133	470
Totals	731	716	721	2171

TEAM 8.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Shay	147	109	157	413
Green	151	127	143	421
*Lavery	130	130	130	390
Meloy	174	185	164	523
Mitchell	138	139	141	418
Totals	740	690	735	2165

*Absent.

This evening Teams Two and Six of the big pin tournament, and Teams D and G of the candlepin tournament are scheduled to bowl.

TOPSIES HAD AN EASY TIME.

A quintet of bowlers called the Topsies defeated a team representing the Baker Print at the Bowlaway alleys last night. At no stage of the game were the printers in the running, the final score being 1229 to 1158 in favor of the Topsies. The score:

BAKER PRINT.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Patnaude	72	91	78	241
Campbell	68	84	89	241
O'Hearn	66	84	72	222
Fielding	79	60	62	201
Pendergast	80	80	72	232
Totals	365	[illegible]	372	1158

TOPSIES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
T. McGee	87	86	81	254
Richards	79	83	85	247
Lawn	86	84	84	254
Jere McGee	82	79	75	236
Ordway	78	81	69	228
Totals	412	415	[illegible]	1229

ROYAL ARCANUM LEAGUE.

North Billerica council of the Royal Arcanum league defeated Rochambeau council on the Bowlaway alleys last night, the score being 1303 to 1211. Sheridan of the winning team was high man. The score:

NORTH BILLERICA.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Sheridan	94	93	105	292
O'Brien	87	83	56	232
Conley	76	75	86	237
McMahon	91	96	106	287
Costello	89	89	77	255
Totals	423	420	[illegible]	1303

ROCHAMBEAU.

	1	2	3	T'tl
W. Caisse	101	85	66	252
Caisse	75	77	86	238
Mengrain	67	77	87	231
Audette	89	89	89	267
Lebrun	73	87	81	241
Totals	405	410	423	1211

BROWNIES WON.

The Brownies defeated the Bowlaways by 35 pins on the Bowlaway alleys last night. Dickey of the losing team was high man with a three string total of 288, while Kelley and Dwyer of the winning team had totals of 287 and 256 respectively. The score:

BROWNIES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Kelley	115	79	93	287
Dwyer	92	80	95	256
Fullerton	100	94	80	273
Moran	81	78	92	251
King	75	103	76	254
Totals	462	453	436	1351

BOWLAWAYS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Carr	81	81	82	247
Cashin	85	80	96	261
Grindle	92	93	93	278
Hall	80	77	85	242
Dickey	95	87	106	288
Totals	436	418	462	1316

SILVER LEAFS WON.

The Silver Leafs defeated the Favorites by the narrow margin of six pins on the alleys last night. The score:

SILVER LEAF.

	1	2	3	T'tl
McCloskey	90	72	77	239
J. Moran	76	82	89	247
Manseau	82	71	75	228
W. Moran	83	73	78	234
Recho	80	84	75	239
Total	411	382	394	1187

FAVORITES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
T. Doyle	80	67	76	223
Cote	80	86	82	248
Fee	82	99	80	261
Carey	77	67	81	225
A. Doyle	78	73	70	221
Total	397	395	389	1181

PRINT WORKS LEAGUE.

Team four of the Print Works league defeated team two on the alleys last night by a score of 1296 to 1223. Henderson of the winning team carried off the honors of the evening. The score:

TEAM FOUR.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Farrell	95	89	81	265
Barnes	95	79	80	254
Higgins	74	101	93	268
Armistead	70	73	77	221
Henderson	80	99	106	285
Totals	423	443	440	1296

TEAM TWO.

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Simson	81	79	92	251
McDonald	78	77	71	226
Marsden	78	80	99	257
Clayton	79	78	71	228
Simson	80	80	98	258
Totals	390	386	431	1223

HOUSTON'S RECORD.

Arthur Houston, one of the star bowlers of the Bowlaway team made several records on the Bowlaway alleys yesterday afternoon, one of which will stand for quite a while without being broken. The record which is liable to stand for a while is his single string of 216 made yesterday. A special prize is offered at the Bowlaway every day for the bowler who makes the highest single string using the big pins and it was while going after this prize that he managed to break the record of the alleys. His other record was the three string total of 605.

Houston's first string netted him 187, his second 216, and the third 172 making a total of 605.

In rolling his record string of 216 Houston made eight strikes, one spare and one box netted him but nine pins. In the first box he made a spare, while the next three boxes were strikes, the fifth box he got but nine pins, while the next five boxes were strikes, and on the roll off he made a spare.

BASE BALL

The schedule committee of the New England league will report to a meeting of the league next week and once the schedule is out Mr. Mack will decide upon the grounds for the coming season. He has been made a good offer by the Fair grounds owners and has it under consideration. They will turn the place into a regular baseball park, removing the fences, judges' stand, etc., if Mr. Mack will take the place. If he should take it the diamond will be moved farther up than formerly, thus affording the use of the entire grand stand.

On the other hand, Spalding park offers the advantage of a quick and beautiful ride to and fro, and it is ready for use at moment's notice. Mr. Mack doesn't take very kindly, however, to the idea of paying a license fee in order to play and it does look as though the selectmen were playing hog, for they tax both the owner of the grounds and the tenant.

With Calhoun and Connaughton gone with Hamilton there is a big gap to be filled in the Haverhill ball team. Hamilton certainly knew which players to steal when he was about it.

HOLIDAY FOR PUPILS.

There will be no session of the schools of the city tomorrow, Washington's birthday.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

Fewer gallons: takes less of Devoe Lead and Zinc than mixed paints. Wears longer; twice as long as lead and oil.

VETERANS' BILL

House Stands Firm on Taxation Measure

GENERAL MILES FAVORED THE BILL

Committee Reports in the Senate

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The lower branch of the state legislature yesterday reaffirmed and emphasized its stand taken last week in favor of the bill of Representative Weeks of Everett exempting from taxation the property of veterans who have become physically incapacitated.

On Thursday last Mr. Weeks had this bill substituted for an adverse report of the committee on taxation. Yesterday question came on ordering it to a third reading. By practically a two to one vote the bill was finally ordered to a third reading on roll call.

When the bill was taken up yesterday Mr. Peabody of Cambridge opposed it, claiming that the house had been stampeded by "oratory" last week in favor of the measure.

Mr. Peabody argued that there was now sufficient law on the statute books to give all just exemption, and further that the commonwealth had amply remembered the veterans and needed no one to remind her of a duty.

Mr. Schofield of Ipswich said no reason had been advanced why the house should reverse its action of last week. He contended that if the present exemption law was just, its extension to any incapacitated veteran would be as just, and if not extended would be an unfair discrimination. He intimated that Gov. Bates' veto of the bounty bill assisted in his defeat.

Mr. Ward of Buckland spoke in opposition, claiming the proposed law would impose an additional burden on small towns, and urged that if more relief be needed it should come through an increase of state aid.

Mr. Weeks of Everett spoke in defence of his bill, asserting that assessors in many cases would not abate the taxes of incapacitated veterans without the passage of the proposed amendment.

Mr. Sctherlich of Boston said no Grand Army post had asked for the legislation and that its advocates were swayed wholly by sentiment.

Mr. Schofield read a letter from Gen. Nelson A. Miles in support of the bill, and he said ex-Gov. Bates also favored the bill.

By a vote of 76 to 60 the house ordered the bill to a third reading. Mr. Peabody of Cambridge asked for a roll-call, which was ordered. This resulted in a vote of 114 yeas to 62 nays, and the bill was passed to a third reading.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. Sennott of Cambridge moved to substitute for the adverse report of the committee on insurance his petition to require that insurance companies shall pay the full value of a life policy if death occurs before the expiration of a year, if there have been no defaults. The bill refers to industrial and prudential companies. Mr. Walker of Waltham, in opposition, said such a law would put a premium on fraud. The house refused to substitute by a vote of 24 to 49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The special committee on rules reported some changes.

The committee on constitutional amendments have reported adversely on the petition of Mary A. Livermore and others to have the word "male" stricken from the qualification of voters.

Mr. Wheatly of Abington introduced the petition of the state board of health to have the penalty for the adulteration of food changed from $100 to $500 to $25 and $100. The board states that in the revision of the laws the fines were placed at the former figures, which the board declares to have been an error, and further states that the courts refuse to impose the penalty and that cases are therefore placed on file, after the payment of costs.

The committee on federal relations reported a resolve in favor of the passage of a bill by congress consolidating third and fourth class postage rates. The same committee voted leave to withdraw on a petition for a resolve memorializing congress for federal supervision of insurance companies; also against a resolve for a national investigation of the parasites of the gypsy moth.

Representatives Hayes made and withdrew a motion to reconsider the rejection of the bill relative to druggists' licenses. He referred to statements in the press that druggists in Malden were violating the law in the sale of liquor. Though he withdrew his motion to reconsider he intimated that some action would be later suggested to the house.

IN THE SENATE.

The state senate had little to do except receive committee reports.

Federal relations reported resolutions on petition of Leontine Lincoln of Fall River and others, memorializing congress in favor of the establishment of a national colony for lepers.

The committee on banks and banking gave leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel T. O'Connell for an act to provide that depositors shall have a voice in the election of some of the trustees of savings banks, Mr. Creed of Boston dissenting from the adverse report.

The rules were suspended to permit the engrossment without delay of the bill to permit the opening of the polls in towns as early as 5.45 a. m.

A WHISTLER EXHIBITION.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The International society of sculptors, painters and gravers, which will open a Whistler exhibition on their gallery tomorrow (Washington's birthday), gave a dinner last night at which ardent admirers of the great American artist from the continent as well as all parts of Great Britain, were present to pay their tribute. August E. Rodin, the celebrated French sculptor, presided, and the guests included the Earl of Lyttelton, Lord Windsor, Lord Donoughmore, the Marquise of Tullibardine, John S. Sargent, J. L. Avery, Leonce Benedite, director of the Luxembourg conservatory, Paris; Ambassador Choate and John R. Carter, secretary of the American embassy.

RUNAWAY BOY

Arrested and Sent Home to Lynn

Stirred by the desire for travel and having expressed himself as dissatisfied with conditions in Lynn, Johnny Flynn, 12, left the Shoe City yesterday at noon bound for Nashua. He didn't get any further than Lowell because of the flatness of his pocketbook.

He arrived here on the five o'clock train from Boston and loitered about the railroad station until the suspicions of the station hands were aroused and after Johnny had been put through a mill of questions he was sent to the police station where he had the pleasure of shaking hands with Capt. Kew.

He told the captain that he belonged in Nashua but the captain, having been deceived many times by small boys, refused to believe Johnny and the latter after a rapid fire of questions from the captain admitted that his home was in Lynn. He reeled off the names of a number of the Lynn officers and proved beyond a doubt that he was familiar with every foot of land in that city.

Capt. Kew communicated with Johnny's father and the latter said it was Johnny's third offence along the same line within a month. His father asked Captain Kew to put the boy on the 9.30 train for Boston and he said he would meet him there.

The Etude club held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon in the vestry of the Grace Universalist church. The following program was carried out: Piano solos, Frank Hull, Gussie Horne, Vernon Greene; reading, Cedric Coram; duet, Laura Murphy and Mildred Hall; reading, Carl Rogers; piano solo, Laura Murphy; song, Etta Phillips; piano solo, Harriet Mansur.

The leader of the meeting was Beulah Sturtevant.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 6.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.30, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.33, w10.50, 11.06, *11.13 a. m.; w12.06, 12.14, w12.50, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.25, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.45, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.25, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.06, 1.23, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.06, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.06, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.06, 2.30, 3.55, 5.00 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.06, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.06, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.06, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m. Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.06 a. m.; 1.44, 4.23 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 41.65 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.30 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only). 5.39, *18.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *8.10 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec via Plymouth and C. P. R., *10.39 a. m.; *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:

a Via Wakefield Junction.

* Express. b Daily.

q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

w Via Western Division.

x Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

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JOHN B. MORAN

MAKES CHARGE AGAINST CHAIRMAN OF GAS COMMISSION.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—John B. Moran yesterday addressed a letter to Governor Douglas preferring charges against Chairman Forrest E. Barker of the board of gas and electric light commissioners, and calling for his removal.

The charges in brief are that the act of 1903, known as the consolidation act, was in substance prepared by Barker after consultation with persons representing the interests of the various gas companies; that the gas consolidation was so adverse to the interests of the gas consumers that the governor of the state in 1901 refused to approve it; that the act, as drafted by Barker and enacted as a law, was a stock-watering scheme injurious to the interests of gas consumers and beneficial only to the gas companies; that Barker as a member of the board agreed to assist in securing legislation to bring about the consolidation; that Barker at the time he drew up the act and presented it knew that the words "fair value" had never been legally defined, that while presiding at the hearings held recently for the purpose of authorizing issue of capital stock of the Consolidated Gas company Barker indicated by his rulings and language that he did not know what construction the present board would place upon these words; that Barker received from the gas companies privately eight volumes of schedules of property which have not been presented at any public hearing; that the hearings have been conducted in gross violation of all rules of evidence.

For these and many other reasons Mr. Moran declares that Parker "is an unfit person to be a member of the board; that the public has lost confidence in him and that public interests are not subserved by his continuance as a member of said board."

ANNIVERSARY REQUIEM MASS.

At St. Patrick's church tomorrow morning Rev. James A. Walsh, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will celebrate a requiem mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members of that organization.

SPECIAL NOTICES

COMING EVENT—Feb. 22. "The Scot at Home and Abroad," lecturer, Mr. James P. Ramsay. Tickets free on application at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WALL PAPER of good quality and practical man to hang it, $2 per room (discount for quantities). T. H. Siddeley, 780 Gorham st.

THOSE GOOD TEAS that we have been telling you so much about are still sold by us. That is how we have made our business success. Presents for everybody. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

MR. EVANGELOS COSTAKIS, a grocer doing business at 63 Cheever street, started in business last October. Besides the Greek trade he has the trade of a large number of the French people, as they like very much the Oriental produce. In little Canada there are over 500 Greeks.

WM. E. RIGG—Piano and furniture moving, in or out of the city with care. Prices reasonable for good work. 65 Billerica st., Riverside Park. Sign on the barn.

CORNS successfully treated, also shampooing, facial massage and manicuring by C. M. Saunders, 90 Prescott st.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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THE BEST OPPORTUNITY in existence for the investment of small and large sums of idle money where it will produce a large and steady monthly revenue without risk of loss. Principal back on demand. For full particulars, address W. H. Latimer, 413 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED

WANTED—A store centrally located, must be at least 50 ft. deep by 25 ft. wide. Address W. H. Ward, Sun Office.

WANTED—Everyone who has colds, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis or any disease of the breathing organs to call at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and get free treatment of The National Vaporizer and Vapor-ol remedies. One month's medicine with every vaporizer sold, free during demonstration. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

PHYSICAL CULTURE lessons, private or classes for appointments. Address Instructor, Box 536, Lowell.

WANTED—Storekeepers and all users of awnings and signs to know now is the time to have them repaired and also place orders for new before the spring rush. Cross Awning & Sign Co., 209 Dutton st.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

REMOVAL—Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 82-83. Tel. 1114-3.

MANICURING PARLORS

Miss Elizabeth V. Reardon will be pleased to meet all her friends and customers at her new parlors in the Central block, where she will attend to their wants in all branches of face and massage treatment and manicuring and hair dressing. Room 83, Central block, Central street. Take the elevator. Telephone 1114-3.

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It is the basis of all wealth. Invest your savings in a home or tenement property now and you are sure to realize handsomely in the future.

A very nice little two tenement house in the Highlands. Rents for $25 per month.

A perfect gem of a cottage house near the American Woolen Co.'s mills. 8 large rooms, good lot of land, fruit, a bargain.

Several cottages for $900 and $1000 each.

To Exchange—A clean six tenement block for a productive farm.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 20, 1905. The Committee on Liquor Laws will give a hearing to parties interested in the petition (with accompanying House bill, No. 160) of Elmer C. Potter for legislation to provide that cities and towns shall vote once in two years upon the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; and the petition (with accompanying House bill, No. 221) of George H. Bradley for legislation to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at room No. 411, State House, on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. D. W. LANE, Chairman. THOMAS L. DAVIS, Clerk of the Committee.

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MONEY LOANED—Overcome your difficulties, our plan of loaning money on salaries is the most liberal to be found anywhere, easy weekly payments. All transactions confidential. Massachusetts Loan Co., Room 22, Hildreth Building.

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others without security, easy payments, offices in 50 leading cities. Tolman, room 48 Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, diamonds, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers' Hall.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—An experienced table girl at 226 Fletcher st.

WANTED—At once, cap spinners, steady work guaranteed. Transportation to and from Lowell. Apply at Brookside Worsted Mills, Brookside, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced chamber girl at 179 Middlesex st.

WANTED—A good washer woman for Mondays. Apply at 49 Liberty st.

WANTED—A middle aged woman for light housework and to mind children. 151 Railroad st., after 6 p. m.

WANTED—A table girl at 212 Moody st. None but experienced need apply.

WANTED—A young girl to help at housework and care of children. Apply X. Y. Z., Sun Office.

WANTED—A housekeeper in family of 3 small boys. Call after 7 o'clock in the evening at 30 Brooks st.

WANTED—An old lady to mind children. Inquire 30 Chestnut st.

LADIES—$25 thousand copying short letters at home. Material sent free everywhere. Send stamped addressed envelope for copy of letter and full particulars. Eastern Co., 817 Heed Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Men everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

LADIES—$7 to $10 weekly earned doing plain sewing at home. Material sent free everywhere prepaid. Stamped addressed envelope brings particulars. Union Company, 1215 Filbert st., Philadelphia, Pa.

CIRCULAR and sample distributors wanted everywhere; permanent position; good pay. American Union, Pontiac Building, Chicago.

LADIES—Earn $20 per hundred writing short letters. Send stamped envelope. Best Mfg. Co., Valparaiso, Ind.

WANTED—A second hand portable oven cheap. Payable by instalments. John McIntosh, Baker, Lawrence.

LADIES—Earn $20 per hundred writing short letters. Send stamped envelope for particulars. Ideal Mfg. Co., Cassopolis, Mich.

WANTED—Two first class awning makers. Cross Sign and Awning Co., 209 Dutton st.

BOY WANTED—To take care of two horses and work in laundry office, must be honest and willing to work. References required as to honesty. Address 761 C, Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced girl who understands cooking for general housework in a boarding house at 432 Central st.

BARBER WANTED at Sun Building.

WANTED—Energetic man each county, to post signs, advertise and distribute samples; salary, $18 weekly, $3 per day for expenses. Honesty and sobriety more essential than experience. National Co., 720 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—Salesmen and saleswomen to call on drug and grocery trade. $100 per month and expenses. Inclose stamped envelope for reply. Buffalo Chemical Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A locket between Donovan Bldg. and Jefferson st. Kindly return same to 93 Jefferson st. Reward.

LOST—Lady's diamond ring. Reward at 348 Stackpole st.

FOUND—A pocketbook. Owner can have by proving property and calling at 201 Lawrence st.

LOST—Saturday afternoon in Casto Theatre a small silver watch with blue chatelaine pin. Return to 56 Race st. and be rewarded.

FOUND—A lady's pocketbook on Agawam st. Owner can have by calling after 6 o'clock at 46 Crowley st. and paying for ad.

FOUND—On Agawam st. a lady's pocketbook containing a sum of money. Owner can have by calling after 6 p. m. at 16 Crowley st.

LOST—A horse blanket on First st. Saturday night. Reward at 13 Lakeview Ave.

FOUND—A pocketbook Sunday afternoon, on Gorham st. Owner can have by calling at 182 Gorham st. and proving property.

LOST—Sunday evening between Merrimack Square and Spaulding st. a lady's gold hunting case watch and sterling silver fob with monogram M. T. F. on case. Liberal reward by owner at 493 Moody st.

LOST—A French bull pup, 15 months old with "bat" ears. Reward at 355 Gorham street.

FOR SALE

PROOF that the words of the Executive Head of Lowell are true, viz: "Our city is a progressive one," is confirmed by the splendid investments in stores and property, that can be secured at Gordon's, 219 Central st. Office always open.

FOR SALE—In a Massachusetts town of 2500 inhabitants a store, prop. been there 14 years, selling on account of sickness; good stock consisting of dry groceries, men's furnishings, large stock of patent medicines, also tobacco and candy. Directly opposite a large school thereby making large candy trade; 3 minutes walk to B. & M. station, and only 10 miles from Lowell. Must be sold, sold cheap to right party. Call and see at once. F. L. Fletcher, Graniteville, Mass.

WE HAVE FOR SALE the best paying stores in Lowell, just the places for yourself, son or daughter. Do not buy or sell before consulting Gordon, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—$225 buys cigar store, $15 weekly profit; $160 buys finest variety store in city; $400 buys good paying fruit store; $400 buys store with tenement, rent guaranteed; $650 buys store, profit $18 weekly; $700 buys store or will sell at appraisal; $650 buys store, profits $25 weekly; $1000 buys store, $20 profit weekly; $800 buys restaurant, profits $25 weekly; $450 buys lodging house, profit $20 monthly; $450 buys boarding and lodging house, $12 weekly profit. Our motto, "Every customer satisfied." Before buying or selling, always consult Gordon, 219 Central st. Office always open.

FOR SALE—An incubator holds 220 eggs, price $10. Apply 17 Sladen st., Navy Yard.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A breeding pen of choice barred Plymouth rock pullets and cockerels. E. Vincent, Amesbury st., Elsmere.

FOR SALE—Meat and provision store doing $175 a week, fine stock, old stand, $400 takes it. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Variety store, fine stock, cleared over $500 above all expenses last year. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, 9 rooms, near Merrimack sq., price this week $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Grocery store, established 20 years at appraisal. Here is a bargain. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Best located variety store on Central st., pool room and restaurant. Must be sold this month. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—The "Best" Light is a 100-candle power light costing only three cents per week, makes and burns its own gas, brighter than electricity, cheaper than kerosene, no smoke or smell, over 100 styles, lighted instantly with a match, every lamp warranted, exhibited and sold 52 Church st.

FOR SALE—A light grocery and candy store, also bakery goods, cheap if sold at once. Address C, Sun Office.

FOR SALE—New, traverse runner, suitable for grocerymen. Inquire at 37 Middle st.

FOR SALE—Cheap fuel, Otto Coke; lasts as long as coal and costs less. Stove size, $5.75 per ton; Egg size, $5.50 per ton. We also keep best grades of coal. Mail and telephone orders promptly attended to. Moore & Preston Coal Co. Telephone 1366-2.

MISCELLANEOUS

MADAME FORREST the renowned clairvoyant and life reader wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell. All who are in trouble or in want of information can consult her at 177 Middlesex st. up one flight. Card readings 25c. Walk in.

MIRACLE. The great German rust exterminator. Takes the rust off lawn mowers, cutlery. In fact everything, without labor. Once used always used. For sale by all leading hardware houses. Price 25 cents. Hugo Hill, Manufacturer.

MOTHERS—Bent's destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair, harmless, 25c only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex st.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delorme's, 201 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 200,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1124 Bridge street. Telephone.

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FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

Talk Upon the Public School System

Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery, a member of the school board of Rochester, N. Y., addressed the Middlesex Women's Club yesterday afternoon on "Politics and the Public Schools." The address was a very interesting one but the attendance was below the average. She said that nine out of ten American cities have allowed the public schools and politics to form an alliance in which the schools get the worst of it every time.

"Alliance with the machine," she said, "came about very largely through our American habit of trust in certain institutions which we believed to be distinctly American. In our cities that have whole wards of Poles, Russians, Germans and French, we put this old, beautiful theory about representative government at work on the schools. Little by little, we simply turned over the schools to a group of men perhaps not one of whom had ever given one year of his life to studying educational questions. I have known boards of education where there were not two men, out of a board of 20, who had had even a grammar school education. Yet to them was committed the educational welfare of 20,000 or 30,000 children.

In Philadelphia today the care of the schools is divided between 529 people. There are ward boards and district boards, and a great big central board. There is a wheel within wheel, and no man or woman can tell who is responsible for a condition. Any sort of abuse grows up, and teachers and pupils suffer under the intolerable system. And all the while, the people of Philadelphia thought they were doing the right, American thing. The condition came by applying to the question of public education, the theory that was intended, in the first place, to fit the government of a state, or of a small portion of a state."

Speaking of a certain city Mrs. Montgomery said:

"There were 20 wards, and each ward sent a representative to the school board. The man who went on the school board took his first step in political preferment. The board was made up of a variety of elements; and there were always one or two men of fine character, who did their best, under evil conditions. The board was organized into committees, and in those committees log-rolling became the regular thing. 'You vote for Miss Brown and I will vote for Miss Jones,' was the customary exchange in the appointment of teachers. A man might be the chairman of a committee on text books, who had never in his life read through a United States history. Meanwhile, the teachers were not consulted at all, about the books that they preferred.

"The money for the schools came from the comon council, because in the minds of the citizens, the schools were a part of the city government. Now, the police department could make its demands, for money very strong, because those demands were brought to the daily consideration of men. The street department was sure of getting a hearing, because it had to do with voters. But the school department had only to do with some little children, who said nothing when they were poorly housed, who made no complaints when diphtheria took them off by the hundreds. The school teachers said nothing, because they did not dare. Fathers and mothers were too busy attending to other parts of the city, to notice that every time the school department was the easiest to cut down appropriations on. I think that is true of 20 out of 30 cities.

"This city grew. That is a fault that American cities have. Pretty soon there were not school buildings enough, nor money to build them rapidly enough. Finally, the children were crowded into poorly lighted and ventilated houses and halls rented for the purpose.

"At last the public conscience began to be aroused, and steps were taken which led to the reorganization of the school system. An organization of women formed a school committee, with one woman assigned as special visitor to each of the public schools. At the meetings, each of these 35 women was expected to report conditions as she found them. That committee of women became perfectly aglow, with the sense that something must be done.

"Meanwhile, a committee on civic art attacked the problem on another side. About the same time, the chamber of commerce appointed a committee of men of affairs, who voluntarily took upon themselves the work of visiting every school in the city and observing conditions. The school question became one of the burning questions of the city.

"This campaign of education extended over four or five years. As a result, a new school charter was secured, made up by a group of men who studied what was being done in the most progressive cities of the country. A school law was passed, which abolished the old ward board of 20 members, substituting for it a board elected at large, of five members. That board was made independent of the city government, in this way: The law provided that for every child enrolled in the schools, the common council must set aside $25 a year, as a minimum. If more than $25 per enrolled pupil was required, requisition was to be made on the council, which might grant or refuse it. That gave a school fund of about $500,000 a year, which was assured. The children were not going to be thrown down, to be pawed over by party politics. This law went on the theory, which has been proven in the courts, that the school board is not a local body. The highest courts in the country have sustained that principle over and over again, holding that education is a function of the state, that the local board is a part of the great state organism, and is not primarily, a definite local organization.

"The needs of the schools are: Buildings well ventilated, lighted, heated, properly seated, with toilet appliances that are decent, refined and cleanly; a course of study to be made for the child, not for the people who are teaching the child, following nature, not antagonizing nature, with practical touch on the needs of life today, and not made from our grandmother's spelling book; and teachers that are to be regarded and compensated as the best officers in the city. That day has not yet come in any city, but I hope it will come, when the people recognize that the woman or man who teaches little children is performing one of the highest functions in a civilized city; that they should be drawn from the best and strongest, should be thoroughly equipped and royally compensated.

"As soon as you touch the teaching force in any city, you begin to see how the patriotism of people is only skin deep; how the feeling prevails that the public schools are simply institutions for taking care of girls who cannot earn their living in any other way.

ALICE ROOSEVELT

IS GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is understood that Miss Alice Roosevelt will accompany Secretary and Mrs. Taft on their visit to the Philippines next July. It is probable that the trip will be made on the army transport Sumner and will occupy about three months.

EARL OF DUDLEY

Said to Have Resigned From Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Until after today's meeting of the cabinet probably nothing will be known definitely as to the outcome of the MacDonnell affair. Despite official denial there is a strong impression that the crisis will not end without some modification of the cabinet. Secretary Wyndham's speech is admitted by his own newspaper supporters this morning to have been rather a weak performance and throughout he appeared very uncomfortable, especially when Winston Churchill put to him the awkward question why, if Sir Anthony MacDonnell were reproved the viceroy escaped reproof.

Lord Hugh Cecil to some extent saved the situation by following Mr. Wyndham with a witty speech frankly supporting the government, declaring home rule to be as dead as the dodo, and while advising Irish unionists to be patient, treating the whole matter as one of little consequence.

The prince of Wales was an interested listener to Mr. Wyndham's speech.

It is believed in many quarters that the Earl of Dudley's resignation as lord lieutenant of Ireland has merely been postponed, or that Premier Balfour has refused to accept it. Another rumor is that Foreign Minister Lansdowne has threatened to resign if the ministers make Sir Anthony MacDonnell a scapegoat.

According to the Times this morning the Earl of Dudley has tendered his resignation, and the cabinet has been summoned to consider the situation. The Times adds that it is the prevailing belief that MacDonnell's resignation will promply follow.

WOMEN ESCAPED

ALMOST PENNED IN A BURNING BUILDING.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—A fire started from an overturned lamp in the dry goods store of John McWeeney, 332 and 334 Broadway, Chelsea, yesterday afternoon, and the blaze spread so rapidly that Mrs. McWeeney and her daughter Catherine had a very narrow escape. The loss will probably reach $3500.

The lamp was in the cashier's desk and was being used to supply heat. Blazing oil filled the office quickly and communicated with the stock. There were about 200 people in the store, attending a fire sale held in consequence of a small fire in the store last week.

All of the employes and customers got out without injury, though a small panic ensued. Joseph E. McWeeney was slightly burned in his efforts to get the money drawer from the flames, and his brother John was slightly burned about the face.

There are four apartments above the store. One of these is occupied by "Jimmy" Briggs, the fighter, and his family. Others are occupied by Mrs. Georgianna Sawyer, Charles E. Clark and Frank C. Farmer. These tenants suffered losses by smoke. Two elderly ladies were taken down the stairs by police officers in a state of collapse.

The loss on the building, owned by the heirs of John H. Wilkinson, is $1000, not insured. McWeeney's loss will be $2500, covered by insurance. George P. Grady, the proprietor of a billiard hall, lost $100 by smoke. He is insured.

BIG RAIL ORDER

GIVEN BY THE BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD.

The management of the Boston & Maine railroad has recently given an order to the Lackawanna Steel company for 25,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered during April, May and June.

CASTO THEATRE

If you are looking for an excellent two hours' show don't fail to visit the Casto theatre this week, for the current offering is one of the best that Manager Haynes has presented this season. It is headed by Wright Huntington and company in his best comedy entitled, "A Stolen Kiss." His latest comedy is the funniest he has ever presented, and it contains a well-defined, plausible plot and the story is concisely told and excellently carried out by the clever performers who assist Mr. Huntington in the fun-making. As the American naval officer Mr. Huntington is at his best, and his cool, unconcerned air and demeanor in what would be to most men embarrassing positions, is most enjoyable. As the fiery Italian, looking for a duel, Charles Abell is very good and deserves credit for his capable and artistic work. Miss Beruba Gilbert as Elita, the fiery Italian's sister, was pretty and graceful, and it was easy to see why the American fell in love with her. The Three Flood Brothers, acrobatic comedians, scored a decisive hit. They are very clever acrobats and their comedy work is excellent. The Globe Comedy Four and Wilson, a quintette of "colored comedians," were popular at once. Orletta and Taylor in their singing comedietta entitled "Looking for Mis-Fortune" won deserved encores for their singing far surpasses any singing heard at the Casto this season. Lorraine and Gandy presented an offering which pleased all. Greve and Green are two musical comedians who present an act which is full of good laughs and that is what one wants after a hard day's toil. Edward Armstrong is a clever singing and talking comedian who has a budget of all new stories and parodies. Lewis and Delmore in their singing comedy were decided favorites, and their material is all new and funny. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Gaspard Michaud and Miss Emma Houle were united in marriage yesterday at a nuptial mass celebrated at 7 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I., was the celebrant of the mass and also performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome traveling gown of brown cloth, with mink hat and furs. She was attended by her father, Mr. Philias Houle. The groom's witness was his father, Mr. Edmond Michaud.

After a wedding breakfast served at the groom's home, 29 James street, the young couple left on a noon train for a brief wedding journey. On their return they will reside at 796 Merrimack street.

SERIES TO - OPEN

Natick and Lowell Meet Tonight

A REGULAR "FEAST" FOR THE BETTORS

Wednesday Night Teams Meet In Lowell

The series between Lowell and Natick, will begin tonight with the game at Natick. It will be about the "best thing" in the betting line that the followers of the game have had. Already many wagers have been placed on the result and the home team stands even with the Natick team in every bet. With Hough in the Natick lineup the Naticks would be strong favorites, and in fact it is doubtful if much money would be wagered on the local team. Time and again Hough has been the means of defeating the Lowell team when victory seemed to be within its grasp, by his clever shooting. With him out of the game there is no doubt that the teams will line up very even. The tickets for the game were placed on sale Monday and already the demand for choice seats has been far ahead of the usual run. The home games will be played on Wednesday and Friday nights of this week, that is, in case a fourth game is necessary. The conditions call for three in five games and it is more than likely that not more than four will be necessary to decide the winner.

If Lowell wins tonight the team should be able to take the games in this city on Wednesday and Friday nights. With Natick winning tonight the visiting team should be able to capture at least one game in Lowell and the two on its own floor. The games will be worth seeing for aside from the rivalry between the players there is a personal desire on the part of Managers Gray and Pettee of Natick to see their respective teams win.

One thing the spectators can rest assured of and that is that they will see the real article for the men on both teams are among the leading players of basketball in the country today. Haverhill will be represented at the game by the players of that team and some of the fans from the shoe city.

WILL NOT RESIGN

Earl of Dudley Makes a Statement

LONDON, Feb. 21—In reply to an inquiry, the Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland telegraphed from Dublin this morning as follows: "There is no truth in the report that I am resigning."

FOUR FIRE ALARMS

Kept the Local Fire Department Busy

The members of the local fire department were kept rather busy yesterday afternoon and last night, four bell alarms having been pulled in for fires, none of which, however, were of a very dangerous character.

THAWING OUT PIPES

The most serious blaze which occurred during the day was that which broke out in an abandoned carriage shed in the rear of James H. Lynch's boardinghouse at 242 Worthen street shortly before 5.30 o'clock. The shed is connected with the house in such a manner that there are two stories above the shed which are cut up into rooms. Yesterday Mr. Lynch found that one of the water pipes was frozen and as he had always thawed out the pipes himself he went to work at it.

He had not been on the job long before he noticed that the sparks were flying up through the partition and very soon a lively blaze broke out. Hurrying to the corner of Dutton and Market streets he pulled in an alarm from box 7. The department was soon on the scene and extinguished the fire about the room where it broke out, but it was only after considerable difficulty and tearing away of lathes and plastering that the fire was placed under control

FIRE BROKE OUT AGAIN.

At seven o'clock last night another alarm was sent in from box 7, the fire at the Lynch house having broken out again. Undoubtedly a spark had found its way through the partitions after the firemen thought the blaze had been extinguished and owing to the draft kept smouldering and another fire started an hour after the department left.

On the second trip to this house, however, the firemen made sure that the fire would not break out anew for they tore away a good portion of the plastering and poured the contents of the chemical into the partitions.

INSIGNIFICANT BLAZE.

Shortly after midnight this morning the firemen were called out from their beds by an alarm from box 115 for a fire in a shed which adjoins E. A. Smith's barn in Smith avenue. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the damage was small.

GREASE GOT AFIRE.

Box 82, sent in yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, was for a slight blaze in a house in Chelmsford street, near the corner of Grand, belonging to Israel Manin.

A pan of grease on the kitchen stove caught afire and the flames communicated with some clothing hanging on lines close by. The department quenched the blaze before any great damage was done. F. C. Church held the insurance on the damaged property.

Fred C. Church had the insurance on E. A. and A. T. Smith's stable on Smith avenue and on the contents of the Louis Harris' house at 110 Chelmsford street.

SALOONS MUST CLOSE.

All the licensed saloons of the city are obliged by law to close tomorrow.

KNICKERBOCKERS

Athletic Club Held Fine Entertainment

THREE GOOD SPARRING BOUTS PRESENTED

Meeting Conducted on Strictly Legal Lines

The renovated Knickerbocker club held a smoke talk and athletic entertainment in Associate hall last evening and about 200 members enjoyed a good program. The affair was conducted in strict accordance with the law governing boxing and the most searching critic could find no flaw in it. There was boxing by members who volunteered, the referee, Danny Chisholm, volunteered from among the audience and several well known business men who sought admission were turned down at the door because they were not members. Before the program was presented Sec. John Sullivan read the following article from the by-laws of the club:

In sparring bouts before the club, nothing approaching brutality will be tolerated, and it will be the duty of the directors to see that nothing of this kind be tolerated at any exhibition held under the auspices of the club

The first of the three bouts was of three rounds between Kid Flannery of this city and Young Mack of Haverhill. The bout was fast and scientific and Flannery had the advantage.

The second bout was between Billie Chisholm and Young Marshall. This pair went six rounds, and of course Chisholm who has forgotten none of his skill with the mitts had the better of the argument, but Marshall was decidedly willing to entertain and hence there were no idle moments.

The final bout was the best and was a six-round affair between the elongated Black Fitzsimmons and Arthur Nolan of Collinsville. This was interesting throughout though Fitz appeared to be holding back something. It was learned afterward, however, that he had a bad hand but rather than disappoint the members took a chance with it. The men were warmly applauded and the members voted the affair a delightful opening.

The attendance would have been larger but for the fact that a great many called too late with their applications. Only members were admitted, and the membership roll was closed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The law would be violated by admitting anybody on paid ticket. Hence a large number who called about 8 o'clock were turned away.

CALLED A DRAW.

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—Rouse O'Brien of South Boston and Pinkey Evans of Yonkers, N. Y., went fifteen rounds to a draw before the Young Men's Social Athletic club last night.

BOXING GOSSIP

The Young Kenney-Charlie Forbes bout before the West End club of Lawrence Wednesday night ought to be a corker and quite a gathering undoubtedly will go down from Lowell. Forbes is a good little man despite the fact that he is not his brother, and so is Kenney. The latter is being kept busy by his new manager and is said to have several good bouts ahead.

KILLED RIVAL

TWO SUITORS MET IN GIRL'S HOUSE.

CONNELSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 21.—A girl's attempt to prevent a tragedy by sending her sweetheart upstairs while she engaged the young man's rival in conversation at the door proved unavailing last night, when Charles Austin, 19 years old, shot and killed Chas. E. Anderson, 22 years old. Austin is in the Connelsville lockup. Both men were suitors for the hand of Miss Clara Noth, 17 years old.

Last night Austin, who was the favored suitor, was in the parlor with Miss Noth when Anderson called. Austin was persuaded by the girl to go upstairs for a few minutes, but when he heard Anderson angrily refuse to leave the house he came down stairs and shot and instantly killed his rival.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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THE SUN'S PLATFORM

FOR THE GOOD OF LOWELL

1. ADOPT a new charter giving the mayor full power to appoint and remove at will, the heads of all city departments and members of all boards or commissions.

2. ABOLISH the common council and provide for a single legislative board of 27 aldermen, three from each ward.

3.—CREATE public boards to have charge of streets, buildings, police, fire, pauper and water departments.

4. ANNEX portions of Dracut and Tewksbury, including the "Navy Yard" and the Andover road as far as the Hood farm.

5. ABOLISH the Merrimack street station and the grade crossings at Market, Thorndike and Middlesex streets and extend the northern station to Thorndike street.

6. BUILD a public hall and market on the White lot in Merrimack Square.

Hereafter the Monroe doctrine will have a Roosevelttian corollary.

Mr. Dunbar seems to be steering the Boott right into the port of prosperity.

Carlisle is a hundred years old. Like Dracut, it is proud of its age, although it has not much to show for it.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius has struck terror to the heart of the Czar far more than did all the Japanese victories over Russian arms.

Everything looks encouraging for the new Boott mills. Mr. Dunbar has done well. His influence at the head of the company will be worth a great deal.

Men may be found to oppose the abolition of two grade crossings by abandoning the old depot but none that can offer any logical argument to sustain his position.

The trust abuses under which the people of this nation suffer can be overcome only by cutting down the tariff which gave the trusts a monopoly by shutting out all foreign competition.

The decrease in personal property during the past fifteen years as shown by the assessors' books goes to prove either that our citizens have understated the amount under oath or that they have lost heavily in stock speculation.

There was something novel in the circumstances connected with the murder on the Joy line steamer from New York to Providence. The motive was evidently robbery. The murderer had an excellent opportunity to put away all evidence that might connect him with the crime. Hereafter steamers of this kind will have to be more careful as other desperadoes are liable to copy this murder.

THE CZAR'S PLIGHT.

There is not much fun in being an emperor when one is shut up as in a prison and in mortal fear of death. Imagine what would happen the czar, if like President Roosevelt, he would take a ride in an open carriage through the most thickly populated district of a large city! Instead of huzzas the air would be rent with bomb explosions. It is time the czar came out with some concessions to his people. Absolutism is dead and it can never be resuscitated in Russia.

A MEASURE THAT WOULD DO HARM INSTEAD OF GOOD.

The bill to divide the money obtained for liquor licenses equally between the state and the county would be unjust. It would be little short of robbery for the cities and towns that have liquor licenses. The cities and towns that have no license would be the gainers by such a law. It is distinctly class legislation, and for that reason should not be favored even though it might be supposed to promote temperance. Were such a law put into effect the tendency in cities would be to vote no license and then ignore violations of the law. The proposed change would do harm instead of good.

FOR THE TEXTILE SCHOOL.

The petition of the Lowell Textile school for an appropriation from the state is before the legislature for action. The need of technical schools is so great that it is better to fix a permanent appropriation for this school without any conditions further than efficient service. When other countries are doing so much in this line it will not do for the United States to take any backward step and in the United States surely Massachusetts should lead in the textile arts. If textile schools are to be maintained anywhere it should be in this state and where in this state more fittingly than in the city of Lowell?

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RETRENCHMENT.

Some genius for grafting has discovered that there is great danger of a deadlock on the water board on account of its having four members and hence the proposition is made to increase the number to five. Bright idea!

Of course thus far there has been no trouble whatever as a result of an even number of members. But this grafting genius is afraid that some trouble may arise and hence he wants the membership increased. This of course would have the additional advantage of affording a place to somebody who needs the money. Is it not strange that nobody hit on the idea of reducing the number of members to three, which would overcome the danger of a deadlock as well as five. There is nothing to be done that cannot be done by three members as well as four. Besides, the members are paid and men can be found who will perform the duties equally well without pay. The same may be said of the police board. The park commission does its work effectively without any compensation. None of these commissions has any more to do than have the board of aldermen, who receive no pay. If we are to have economy, if we are to have retrenchment, let it be general.

SEEN AND HEARD

The steeple on St. Patrick's church is rapidly nearing completion. The frame is finished and the slaters have gone up about ten feet with their work.

Bowling, notwithstanding the predictions of the "wise" brethren who prophesied it early demise and foretold the finish of its popularity with the public, is at the present time the liveliest ghost in the sporting graveyard. All the froth has foamed out of the game now and it has settled down to the business-like aspect of a sport followed by experienced experts, with a fair proportion of new blood cropping in all the time.

Bert Ryan, the star bowler of the police department, is the recipient of a handsome valentine, though strange to say he has shown it to but a few of his many friends. The valentine shows a strenuous bowler, stripped for action, in the act of bowling a 32-pound ball. With legs twisted and arms akimbo in order to strike the No. 1 pin and score a strike, the likeness is somewhat similar to the Commonwealth man. Despite the fact that the valentine is a fine piece of art, it retails for the cheap sum of one cent.

Greeks to the number of 100 a month land in New York. Many of them make their homes in Lowell.

In their own country Greeks have the reputation of being excellent politicians. Their Chamber of Deputies in Athens never lacks current and eloquent statesmen, and a frequent obstacle to the transaction of any business has been found in the propensity of the leaders of Greek factions to disputation.

Many of the Greeks are on the voting list and take some interest in politics.

Practically all the Greek immigrants arriving here are men and only a small fraction are less than 14 years of age. There are very few women.

The largest farm in the world, which until recently was in Missouri, has been extended into Iowa. It is owned by David Rankin and his son, W. F. Rankin, of Tarkio, Mo. The elder Rankin is worth $1,000,000, and has made it by farming.

He owns 23,200 acres in Atchison county, and, being still afflicted with the desire to own more land, had to reach into Fremont county, Ia., the other day, when he bought 3700 acres more. Rankin never sells. He is a cattle king, a corn king, a land king, a philanthropist, and a captain of industry. He employs about 300 persons, representing 1500 population.

Mike Larkin, the "fee man," is on his way to the Spindle city and is due to arrive here some time this week if the parlor cars are on time. He worked his way from Pennsylvania and on Sunday and yesterday hobnobbed with the residents of New Haven.

The following despatch from New Haven is self-explanatory:

Attired in a bathing suit, Michael J. Larkin, who hails from Lowell, Mass., dived off the steamboat dock through the ice in the harbor Sunday before a crowd of 2000 people with the temperature near zero. He came up with the water freezing on his hair and face and passed a hat through the crowd, collecting $10. Then he donned his clothes and started to tramp to New London.

Larkin declares that he has cured himself of consumption by following this treatment, and is now working his way home by performing his Arctic ablutions in public.

NEW CARDINALS

WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE NEXT CONSISTORY.

ROME, Feb. 21.—As there are nine vacancies at present in the Sacred college, Pope Pius X has expressed his intention to appoint new cardinals at the next consistory, the date of which has not yet been decided, as a great deal depends on negotiations now going on regarding the conferring of these offices. It is almost definitely decided to nominate for the first time a South American cardinal in the person of the archbishop of Rio De Janeiro, but as the appointment might receive a claim on the part of Argentina, and possibly on the part of Chile, also, for like honors, the vatican has informed all the South American republics that the distinction is being conferred, not on one special country, but on a deserving man. It is probable that cardinalates will be given to Hungarians and Italians, but none will go to Great Britain or the United States.

FOUND IN CELL

CONVICTS HAD OPERATED A COUNTERFEITING PLANT.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21.—A complete counterfeiting outfit was found yesterday in a cell at the state penitentiary. It was operated by convicts. With the find were a number of spurious coins, mostly ten and twenty-five cent pieces. The coins are perfect as to size, figures, milling and thickness, but are a little "greasy" and are lacking in weight.

CRIMINAL LIBEL

Haverhill Man Accuses Lawson's Critic

NEW YORK, Feb. 21. Denis Donohoe, financial editor of the New York Commercial, who has been running a series of articles in a magazine attacking Thomas W. Lawson, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued upon complaint of Herbert Gray of Haverhill, Mass.

The complainant alleges that Donohoe made statements reflecting upon him, amounting to criminal libel. In his replies to Lawson's articles, Donohoe was paroled when arraigned in police court.

PUSH PROSECUTION

HERBERT GRAY DENIES THE CHARGES OF DONOHOE.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 21.—Herbert Gray of this city, who caused the arrest of Denis Donohoe of New York on a criminal libel charge, says he brought the action mainly to protect his children.

He claims the criminal libel consisted of a reference to him in a New York publication recently, the article having been written by Donohoe.

Gray intends to go to New York today to attend the hearing, he having furnished the evidence to Dist. Atty. Jerome against Donohoe and the publishers named with Donohoe in the warrant for criminal libel.

Mr. Gray, when seen last evening, said he took exceptions to the reference made in a recent article of Donohoe to him as "running a gambling house in Boston." Mr. Gray denies that he ever ran a gambling house, either in Boston or elsewhere. He says he did not enter Mr. Lawson's employ until more than 10 years after the date at which Donohoe quotes him as meeting Lawson. Mr. Gray has retained Hurlbut, Jones & Cabot of Boston as his counsel and proposes to press the case to the end.

The plaintiff is well known in this city, where he has lived nearly all of his life. He is as widely known among horsemen as any man in New England. He ran a sales stable in North Berwick, Me., 20 years ago, and for a long time handled blooded horses and had dealings throughout New England. Later he campaigned several good steppers about New England and on the grand circuit, and in 1899 he was employed by Mr. Lawson to take charge of his racing stable. He continued with Mr. Lawson several years, and last year was manager of the Granite State trotting park in Dover, N. H. At present he is engaged in horse dealing, but for the past few days has been confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

WEAVERS STRUCK

THEY OBJECT TO THE TEN LOOM SYSTEM.

FALL RIVER, Feb. 21.—About 200 weavers employed at the Barnard cotton mills struck yesterday as a protest against what they claim is an attempt on the part of the management to introduce the 10-loom system.

The strikers assert that they have been operating eight looms and that when they were requested to run ten no additional compensation was offered. President Nathaniel B. Borden of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' association is the agent of the Barnard mills.

The strikers held a meeting and appointed a committee of five, including Secretary James Whitehead of the Weavers' union, to interview Mr. Borden. There are about 350 weavers employed in the mills and about 200 who work in what is called the upper weave room are out.

The operatives in the other weave room of the plant remained at work. They say that no attempt has been made to introduce the 10-loom system in their department. The Barnard mills were involved in the general strike here.

The committee met Mr. Borden yesterday afternoon, and the conference lasted about an hour. At the conclusion it was announced that Mr. Borden had refused to make any concession, and remained firm in his determination to continue the 10-loom system.

WILL HUNT BEARS.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 21.—A message has been received here by Sloan Simpson of the Roosevelt Rough Riders, from President Roosevelt, saying that he will be here on the morning of March 30.

It is announced that the president, with Cecil A. Lyon, republican state chairman, Sloan Simpson, Secretary Loeb and one or two others, will go on a bear hunting trip in the Big Woods in East Texas, after the Rough Riders' reunion.

BRIBERY CHARGE

Mayor Johnson Accuses Two Councilmen

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 21.—In the city council last night Mayor Tom L. Johnson directly charged Councilmen Dewar and Wilke, democrats, with having accepted bribes from the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company. At the same time Mayor Johnson charged that the votes of all the republican members of the city council had been influenced by contributions from that company to the last campaign fund of the republican organization and to the campaign expenses of the republican candidates for city council.

The charges are the outcome of Mayor Johnson's allegation of two weeks ago that the recent defeat of the ordinance to annex the village of South Brooklyn to the city of Cleveland had been brought about by undue influence. The council has adopted a resolution of investigation.

BILLERICA

GETTING READY FOR THE TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting of Billerica will be held on March 27th this year. Despite the fact that there is still over a month before the meeting town politics are beginning to grow rather warm. Just at present however but two new candidates have made known their intention of running for office, but others are expected to announce their candidacy at almost any time.

One of the features of the warrant for the meeting this year will be the article calling for an appropriation of the sum of $2500 for the purpose of defraying expenses for the quarter-millennial celebration of Billerica as a town.

The regular meeting of Billerica grange will be held Thursday evening, when papers on the subject "The Louisiana Purchase Exposition," will be read by Sidney A. Bull and Frank Alexander. There will be selections also by Mrs. Nellie S. Burton, Mrs. Anna B. Potter, and Miss F. Marion Dutton.

The Nineteen Hundred club meets with Mrs. Ellen B. Vining on Thursday afternoon. Quotations from Kingsley will be given by members. Papers will be read as follows: "The Ports," Mrs. Ada F. Harlow; "The Industrial Centers," Mrs. Emma Holden; "The Watering Places," Mrs. Hattie Holden.

Miss Lizzie L. McIntire, teacher in the Pollard school, who has been absent owing to sickness in her family, returned to her duties yesterday. During her absence her place has been filled by Miss Violet A. Twining, a student of class 1905, Lowell Normal school.

A Colonial party will be conducted at the Unitarian church tonight under the auspices of the Woman's Alliance. All who attend will appear in Colonial costumes. The entertainment will consist of the reading of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" by the Rev. Edgar S. Weirs, accompanied by the Richard Strauss music by Miss A. Amy Howes, and illustrated by tableaux. Vocal selections will be given by Miss Deloris Foster, accompanied by Miss Ella Reiley.

A GOOD SERMON

AT EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT CHELMSFORD ST. CHURCH.

Rev. E. P. Moulton preached from John 3: 16, last evening at the revival service held in the Free Baptist church, corner Plain and Chelmsford streets. He said this was the most wonderful verse in the Bible, because it was the best expression of the love of God for humanity. He said in part: The love of God for sinners is most marvelous, and we can get a better conception of it by applying four measuring lines: First, by our conception of God Himself, omnipotent, infinite, and as He is, so He loves, like a God. Second, by the life and teachings of Jesus; His life was spent in blessing and ministry. Third, by the sacrifice that love made; love without sacrifice is good for nothing, powerless; the measure of our love is proved by the measure of our sacrifice. Fourth, God gave His son to die for us while we were yet sinners. His enemies, and thereby showed His great love. The reason there isn't more power in the church of today is because of selfishness. The sinner is obliged to accept or reject the love of God offered to him.

These meetings are gaining in interest and Mr. Moulton is an earnest speaker and his sermons are very eloquent. The services will continue each evening during the week, at 7.30.

FINED $10 EACH

MARCHERS WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Seven men who were accused of taking part in the march of 3,000 persons through the streets of the East Side on Sunday in a demonstration against the government of Russia, were fined $10 each by Magistrate Ommen in police court yesterday. They were charged with disorderly conduct. Albert Argentier, alleged leader of the procession, and two others were discovered to be Italians. Magistrate Ommen said:

"This sort of thing cannot be tolerated in this city. Serious trouble might have come from the foolishness of these men. If they must hold meetings why don't they orate for clean streets on the East Side. That might do more good than the senseless cries of "Down with the Czar" and not anywhere near as harmful."

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS INVITATION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—President Garner of the Jacksonville board of trade has returned from Washington where he went to invite President Roosevelt to visit Jacksonville. The president assured his acceptance of the invitation in a tour to include Richmond, Atlanta, Montgomery and possibly some other southern cities, but fixed no definite time for the visit.

CADETS WILL ATTEND BALL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The war department announced yesterday that the battalion of West Point cadets, which will come to Washington to participate in the inaugural parade, will attend the inaugural ball. The sale of tickets for the inaugural ball is entirely unprecedented.

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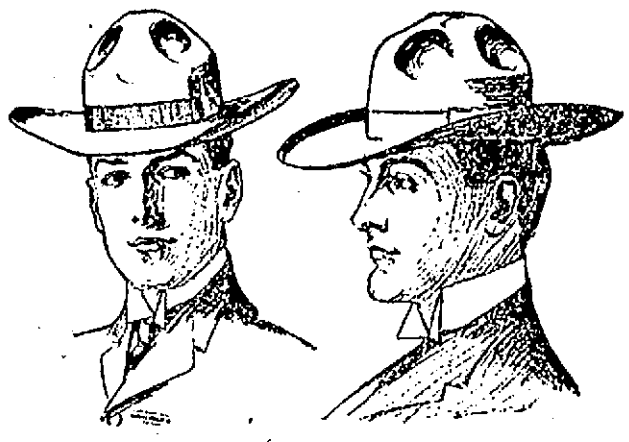

THE excellent sales of new hats the past few days show that a good many men are ready to make the change. The spring Derbies are decidedly smart in appearance, quite different from the hat you have been wearing and are here, ready for you. Make the change NOW, and get a whole season's wear out of your hat. Soft hats in spring shapes are ready with the Derbies. Either soft or stiff,

$1.50 to $3.00

CANADIAN SUED

By Alfred F. Titus of This City

Alfred F. Titus, residing at 248 Stevens street, this city, has entered suit against Senator Joseph Bolduc, of Sherbrooke, Que., for the recovery of $200 which he claims is owed him by the senator. J. P. Welles of the firm of Cate, Wells & White, of Sherbrooke, was in this city yesterday to take the depositions of witnesses before Lawyer J. H. Gallet, commissioner, to be used in the suit now pending in the superior court for the district of St. Francis, Que., in favor of Mr. Titus vs. Senator Joseph Bolduc et al.

The suit grew out of a business transaction which was effected by Mr. Titus for the senator and the former claims that he has not received the payment agreed upon.

Two years ago Mr. Titus found a purchaser for a large tract of pulp woodland owned by Senator Bolduc, at Bolduc Siding, near Sherbrooke, Sen. Bolduc agreed to pay Mr. Titus $1000 if the Lowell man should sell his land for $40,000, it is alleged, which was done, the purchaser being the Champion International Company of Lawrence, who paid that amount for the land.

Now the Lowell man's contention is that the senator has fulfilled but half of his agreement, having paid him but $2000 out of the $4000.

Senator Bolduc's counsel is Brown & McDonald, of Sherbrooke. The case is soon to be tried, probably in the present session of the superior court.

The first anniversary of the inauguration of St. Louis' church will be observed tomorrow by a solemn high mass of thanksgiving to be sung at the church at nine o'clock. Rev. Fr. Lacroix, now pastor of Cochituate, who was the first curate of the St. Louis church, will deliver the sermon. A big banquet in honor of the occasion will be held at St. Louis' hall in the evening.

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REMOVAL

Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at the Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 82-83. Telephone 1114-3.

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ABOUT THAT NOTE

SOUTHBRIDGE THIEF CANNOT REALIZE UPON IT.

The note for $5000 that was stolen from Herman S. Cheney of Southbridge will not avail the thief anything. The note is against the Shaw Stocking company of this city and payment on it will be stopped unless it is presented by Mr. Cheney. The note is payable sometime in May.

OFFICERS' BALL.

The annual ball of the officers of the High School regiment will be held in Associate hall this evening.

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ROBBED BY THUGS

Brockton Man Held Up in Boston

HIGHWAYMEN GOT A ROLL OF $98

They Choked and Assaulted Him

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Charles E. Reed, a shoemaker living at 99 North Main street, Brockton, was last evening held up, choked and robbed of $98, at the corner of Chardon and Bowker streets, by four men, one colored and three white.

While the attitude of the men, Reed said, was threatening and while he was held by the throat so that he could not cry out, the men were not particularly rough with him, and he was able to walk to the Joy street station and report his loss.

Reed had just arrived at the North station from Concord, N. H., and having a few extra minutes before catching his train for home at the South station he thought that he would go over to the West End to call on a friend. As he passed through the North station the thought occurred to him that he had nearly $100 loose in his pocket, and as that was a rather dangerous method of carrying money, especially among some of the people met with in the West End he thought he'd make more careful provision for it.

Accordingly he took out the money, rolled it up tightly and opening his vest tucked it far down in an inside pocket. Buttoning up the vest and coat he left the station and walked through Friend street. When he reached Chardon street he turned up, and when he had almost reached the corner of Bowker street, four men stepped quickly from the shadow of a building and came up to him.

He didn't like the looks of the men and scented trouble from the way in which they approached him, but before he could make up his mind what to do, almost before he had time to turn about and run, in fact, one of the men jumped at him and grabbed him by the throat. The other two white men had stepped around him, and as Reed began to struggle they got firm hold on him from behind, and so in a twinkling he was held fast and not a sound had been made.

When the negro saw that there was no danger of Reed's getting away or making noise enough to attract anyone, he glanced up and down the street to see if anyone was coming, and then turned his attention to Reed. The first thing he did was to open Reed's coat and vest and reach down into the inside pocket and draw out the roll that Reed had placed there with such care less than ten minutes before.

Having secured this the negro looked no farther. Reed had a watch and a few other things that might have been of value to the assailants, but the negro bothered with none of these. With a significant grunt, he nodded to his assistants, stuck the roll into his pocket and started on the run down Chardon street.

After tightening the grip on Reed's throat for a moment to take any extra strength from him, the men released him and all disappeared in different directions and were out of sight before Reed could get strength enough together to call for help. He followed in the general direction which the men had taken for a short distance, but they were nowhere to be seen after that. He went immediately to the Joy street station and told his story.

STAND BY BOYS

GIRLS MAY HAVE TO DISBAND BASKETBALL TEAM.

MALDEN, Feb. 21.—The girls' basketball team in this city will probably be forced to disband, and Captain Elsie Maxwell has cancelled all the scheduled games.

The trouble arose over the inability to secure a place to play, as Captain Cutting of company L has refused to allow the use of the armory to the girls if they allowed the young men to attend.

A conference was held last week between the girls and the school principal on the question of admitting young men. The girls decided in the boys' favor.

Arrangements were made last Friday for a game with the Stoneham girls, but Captain Cutting refused to let them have the armory to play before a mixed audience.

Captain Cutting said last night:

"I will not allow boys there while the girls are playing. In fact, I will not allow members of my company there.

"Under the new law governing the care of armories no outsiders will be admitted to the building after the close of this season.

"The recent high school dance, in which the loaded punch was served, gave me enough free advertising for a while."

Mr. Hutchins, principal of the high school, declined to be interviewed on the subject. The girls say the games are so poorly attended by their sex that they cannot pay their expenses, but they say the boys will purchase tickets.

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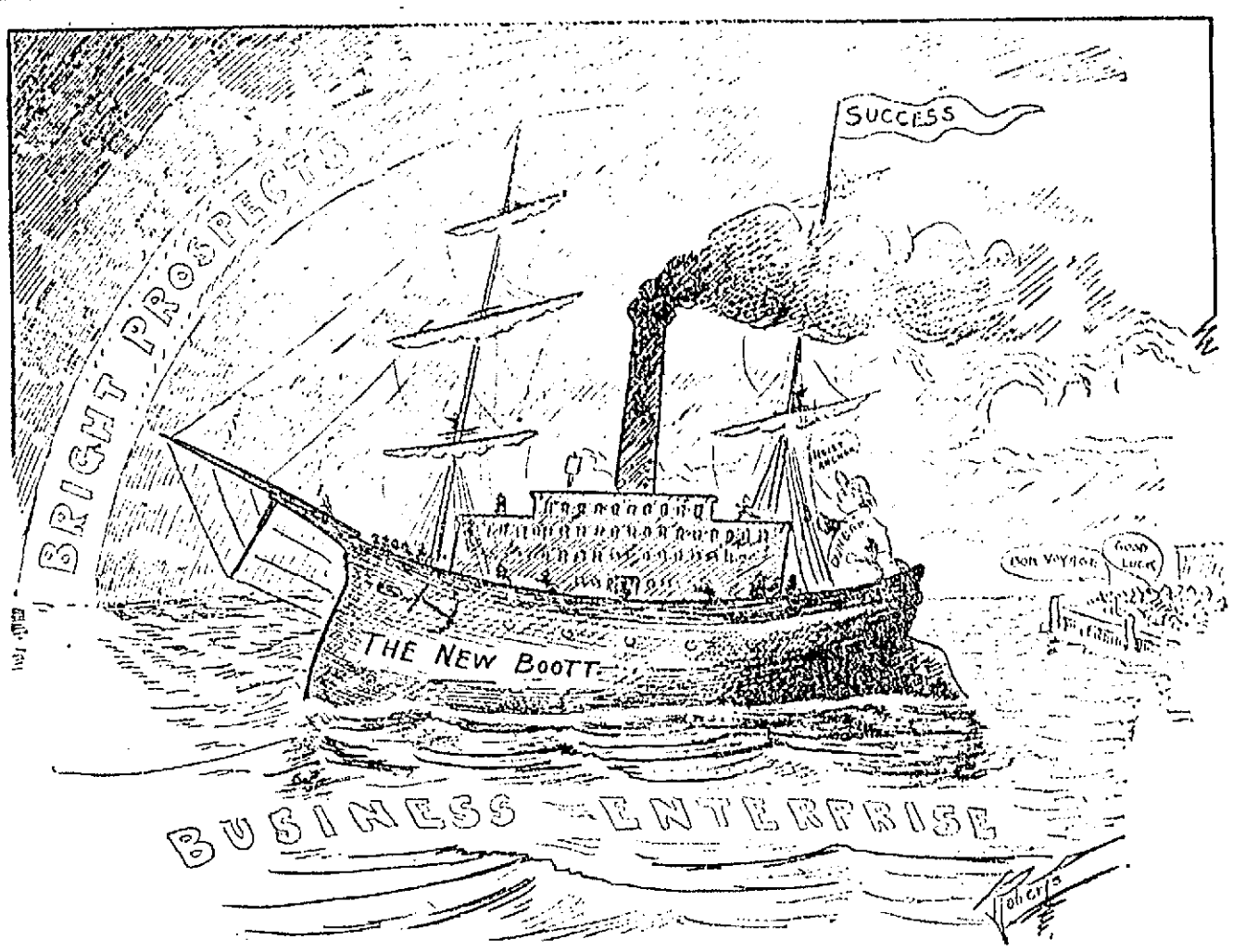

AFTER THE STORM, OR THE CRUISE OF THE NEW BOOTT

BON VOYAGE! BON VOYAGE!

EDWARD PAGE

FATHER OF MABEL PAGE VISITS SHERIFF FAIRBAIRN.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Looking pale and more aged and careworn than ever the venerable Edward Page, father of Mabel Page, visited East Cambridge yesterday for the first time since the trial of Charles L. Tucker for the murder of his daughter.

Shortly before noon he called at the jail and asked for Sheriff Fairbairn. He was directed to his office and from there to the sheriff's house, but Sheriff Fairbairn had earlier in the day gone to Lowell.

Mr. Page talked for some time with a reporter.

When asked if there was anything personal in his search for Sheriff Fairbairn, Mr. Page said: "No, nothing at all. I simply want to see him and thank him for his civility during the trial."

The old gentleman spent several hours about the county buildings. He wandered through the different rooms and took a parting glance at the chamber where the trial took place and where he was such a conspicuous figure for so many weeks. Early in the afternoon he called upon Assistant District Attorney Hugh A. Bancroft and Deputy Sheriff Tidd.

But a few days more now remain for the filing of the bill of exceptions which Lawyers Vahey, Innes and Mansfield have been so busily engaged upon. It is probable, however, that an extension of time will be granted.

POLICE BOARD

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The following licenses were granted by the police board at its meeting last evening:

Common victualler—Frank Le Court, 186 Ford street; Martin Lefreniere, 19 Ward street.

Intelligent office—Helma Gott, 131 Moore street.

Pool and billiards—Anme Yrad, 8 Cabot street; Mathew Stein, 31 Prescott street.

Upon petition of Sam Asquith, clerk of the corporation, Frank Ecclestone was appointed special police officer, without pay from the city, for the First Primitive Methodist church, in Gorham street.

Leave to withdraw was granted on the following applications: Common victualler, Bridget Buckley, 135 Fayette street.

BROKE HIS ARM

MAN INJURED WHILE TRYING TO BOARD A TRAIN.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—William E. Robinson of Lynnfield Centre, apparently a stranger to the ways of this busy city, in attempting to board an Elevated train after it had started at Scollay square subway station, yesterday morning, fell into the pit and broke his right arm.

He arrived at the train just as the guard closed the gates. Robinson made a sprint after the train, and as the rear end of it flashed past he made a daring leap in a vain attempt to board the train. He missed his grip and fell into the pit, his head resting but four inches from the death-dealing third rail.

Robinson was taken to the relief hospital, where the arm was dressed. He was then sent home.

BARK STRANDED

CARGO PREVENTS HER FROM SINKING.

LONDON, Feb. 21—The British bark Antigua, Captain Cochran from Portland, December 6, has arrived at Bahia Blanca, full of water and with loss of part of deck load, having stranded while entering port. The cargo prevents her from sinking

SLAYER OF HART

May Have Been Woman Say Police

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—That the slayer of John A. Hart, who was found dead in a stateroom on the Joy line steamer Larchmont when it reached Providence last Sunday morning, was a woman, is one of the newest theories of the detective swho are engaged in an effort to unravel the mystery of the steamboat tragedy. According to this theory the woman threw her own wearing apparel into the Sound and then, dressing herself in her victim's clothing, walked out of the state room mingled with the crowd on the steamer's deck and escaped soon after the Larchmont reached her dock. It was through the story of Moses Thornton, the negro porter, who told of seeing a man leave Hart's stateroom that the new theory gained ground. Thornton described the man as young with a smooth face and rather awkward in his movements. This description coupled with the fact that Hart's clothing was missing from the state room, when his body was found lying in a berth, gave rise to the speculation which resulted in the belief that a woman may have caused Hart's death.

A travelling bag found in a Broadway hotel also is said to have gained a prominent place in the investigation of the tragedy. Beyond the fact that the bag came to the hotel from Baltimore, that it was left to be called for, and that it is believed to be the property of the person who shared Hart's stateroom, nothing can be learned of its possible connection with the case.

TOWNS ISOLATED

Snow Drifts Caused Much Annoyance

CLARION, Pa., Feb. 21.—Clarion, Kane, Tylersburg, Marienville, and other towns in this vicinity are practically isolated on account of the deep snow which has drifted badly. It has been 12 days since the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has operated any trains north of this place and will probably be as many more days before trains are running regularly.

The towns between here and Kane received no mails for eight days and then they had to send overland to Tionesta to get it. There is no telling when express matter and freight will be delivered by the railroad.

FACTORY BURNED

Frozen Hydrants Impeded Firemen's Work

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Frozen hydrants so interefered with the work of firemen today when a fire started in a big factory building in Greenwich street, that what first seemed rather an insignificant blaze called for four alarms and resulted in a loss of fully $100,000. The fire was in the factory of Philip Hano & Co., manufacturers of manifold books, carbon papers and autograph machines. When the apparatus, called by an automatic alarm, reached the scene the flames were confined to the second floor of the building, but nearly all the hydrants in the vicinity were found to be frozen, and by the time a good supply of water was to be had the flames had spread through the building and they were extinguished only after a long, hard struggle.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

DEATH OF WOMAN

Will be Investigated by Officials

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—An investigation into the deaths of Mrs. Marie Barrett and Mrs. Mary Dahr, each 60 years of age, which occurred within 48 hours of each other, will be begun by the coroner today, because it was discovered that the two aged women, together with eight other women, whose ages range from 60 to 80, had lived in two rooms in Franklin avenue for seven years.

Too old to work, the 10 women had managed to eke out a precarious living, and when found a single loaf of bread was the meal for the eight living. Four were very ill.

NEIL BURGESS

SAYS HIS ONLY ASSETS ARE TWO SUITS OF CLOTHES.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 21.—Neil Burgess of Highlands, Monmouth county, this state, and known the country over as the original Abigail Prue, in the theatrical production of "The County Fair," today filed schedules in the bankruptcy branch of the United States district court in this city. He places his liabilities at $21,113.47, and his assets at two suits of clothes valued at $25.

The creditors as shown in the petition are as follows: Harris, Meyer & Brennan, New York, promissory note, $1500; C. D. McGlahan, New York, judgment, $1,876.21; Metropolitan Printing company, New York, judgment, $1,686.26; Luke A. Burke, New York, promissory note, $15,000; J. E. Wilson, book account, $50.

GRAND JURY

WILL SIT IN COURT HOUSE MARCH 6.

The grand jury will sit in the court house in Gorham street in this city on March 6th and the criminal session of the superior court will open at the local court house on March 13th.

A new local system of telephones has been installed in the court house in Gorham street.

Good News

Many Lowell Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby

"Good news travels fast" and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Lowell are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Mrs. Margaret Hobbs, of 151 Adams St., Lowell, Mass., says: "It is impossible to praise Doan's Kidney Pills more than their great merits justify. I doctored for a long time for very severe kidney ailments but without much relief. Learning about this remedy I procured it at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store, corner of Merrimack and Central streets. Three boxes effectively ended the pain. I know of others who used Doan's Kidney Pills and also obtained remarkably satisfactory results."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

HAVERHILL MAN

Ejected From Car in Merrimack Street

Napoleon Plouf came to Lowell from Haverhill a few days ago and endeavored to take charge of the car in which he was a passenger. He became very boisterous as the car neared Lowell and in Merrimack street he rendered himself so obnoxious that the conductor decided to put him off. The conductor called the motorman and they grabbed Plouf. The latter offered strenuous resistance and the men in blue were pulling hard when they returned to their car. Napoleon refused to give his name but in the seat occupied by him the conductor found a slip of paper, part of a grocer's bill, bearing the name "Napoleon Plouf." Yesterday the conductor, accompanied by Inspector Walsh of this city, went to Haverhill and found the grocer. The latter told them that Plouf was employed in a shoe shop, and they were told where to go. Arriving at the shoe shop the inspector inquired for Plouf and the latter was summoned into the office. The conductor identified him as the man who had raised the disturbance on the car. Plouf was placed under arrest and brought to this city.

Plouff was arraigned in police court today and was ordered to pay a fine of $12.

THIEF AND ROBBER

WERE GIVEN PRISON SENTENCES BY JUDGE DECOURCEY.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Frank Downey, one of the men mixed up in the theft of the Smith, Patterson company drummer's jewelry from the South station, came up for sentence yesterday before Judge DeCourcey in the Suffolk superior criminal court. It developed that Downey had been arrested and sentenced several times before, but Chief Watts said he was a tool rather than a leader. Judge DeCourcey ordered a sentence of three years in the house of correction.

Joseph E. Cox of Roxbury, who pleaded guilty to robbing Charlie Fong, was sent to prison for not more than six nor less than four years. A former sentence of two years in the house of correction that was passed on Cox in the lower court for larceny was then placed on file. Charlie Fong's laundry till was tapped Jan. 21 last, and an innocent man was arrested the next day for the crime. When Cox heard this he gave himself up and demanded that the innocent man be released. The next day he was sentenced, on a plea of guilty, to the house of correction for two years. He appealed and while being taken to jail in a buggy he escaped. The next day he went back to the laundry, threatened the Chinaman and robbed him. In court, yesterday, he pleaded guilty to this robbery and not guilty to a charge of burglary in a house. He went to trial and was acquitted on the burglary charge and therefore came up for sentence on the robbery charge only. Cox seems satisfied with the leniency shown him.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The village is to have cricket as a pastime next summer for the help of the Moore Spinning Co., have organized a team to be known as the Moore Spinning Co., Cricket club. There are many good players at the Spinning Co., and a fine team is assured.

Mark Ingham, the popular superintendent of the Moore Spinning Co., was elected president of the new club at a meeting held Saturday; and the other officers of the club are as follows: Vice president, William Ballinger; recording secretary, John J. Curry; financial secretary, Edward Hoyle; treasurer, James Senior. Another meeting of the new club will soon be held, and it is expected that many more new members will join.

Thomas J. Martin, who has been night operator at the railroad station of the Boston & Maine railroad, for several years past, has accepted a position as tower man in the Somerville Junction tower. Mr. Martin's place as night operator here has been filled by the appointment of James A. Lombard of Lowell.

MORSE EXPLAINS

The Object of Appropriations Committee

IN GETTING AFTER TAX DODGERS

Committee Not Driving Against Poor Citizens

"I'd like the public to understand said Councilman Morse of the appropriations committee today, "that the committee on appropriations is not making war upon the poor citizens of Lowell, to whom the payment of a poll tax is a hardship for nothing of the sort is true. Yet there seems to be an impression abroad that we are crowding poor citizens. Such is not the case for the men we are after are not poor laborers and mill operatives who have nothing but their slender wages, but the well-to-do high salaried men, the business and professional men with substantial incomes who persist in dodging their poll and personal taxes when they could well afford to pay them. Those are the men whom we want to settle their indebtedness to the city rather than the poor citizens."

Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge looked over the tax abatements in the assessors' office, yesterday and were much interested in what they saw there. They will make an interesting report at the next meeting of the committee which will be held on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday.

AUTOMATIC ALARM.

An automatic alarm at 7.40 o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to the works of the Amoskeag Tube Co. in Walker street but the alarm was a false one, it having been occasioned by the overheating of the thermostat.

PROBATE COURT

Judge Lawton Presided in Uncontested Cases

There was but one session of the probate court sitting at the court house in Gorham street today. The contested session which is generally held in the probate court room in the old part of the court house was dispensed with this morning. The only session held was that of uncontested cases in the new part of the court house and was presided over by Judge Lawton.

The following business was transacted:

Wills presented for probate: Abraham Thompson, Lowell; Martin Conway and Sarah Cullinan of Billerica; Joanna Delay, Emily H. Goodell, Vienna H. Harrington, James McDermott, Mary McMahon and Peter Mitchell of Lowell; Thomas Roach, Wakefield; George A. H. Richardson, Dracut and Milton Standish, Lowell.

Administrations — Anna Parker, Reading; Constantine R. Sousa, Lowell; Mary Doyle, Cambridge and Francis R. Eager, Marlborough.

GOT SIXTY YEARS

Heavy Sentence for Major Carrington

MANILA, Feb. 21.—Major Carrington, who was convicted of falsifying vouchers of the civil government to the amount of $1500, was today sentenced to a total of 60 years and five days' imprisonment. He was tried on five separate counts and the sentence on each charge was 12 years and one day.

Major Carrington practically made no defence, his attorneys simply raising technical points.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court of the islands, and if the decision there is adverse to the appellant, the major will appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

TO THE PEOPLE

Everybody's Magazine for March, with the latest installment of my story, "Frenzied Finance," is out today.

BUY IT.

In it I begin the main story of the Crimes of Amalgamated.

I take up and handle fittingly, I think, some of the scoundrelly "System" character thugs—deal with them, and—deposit them.

Rogers' Man Friday, Denis Donohoe, and the "Lawson Expose" they have concocted I swing through the air once, twice; then, with a mop-the-gutter motion, drop.

I reach once for James H. Eckels, Ex-Comptroller of the Currency of the United States the young financial phenomenon who jigged the big Cleveland bond juggle, now president of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, and who is steering for the "System" in the West in a split-tongued, mud-slinging after dinner skit, "Eckels Flays Lawson, the Stock Jobber," which the insurance companies are circulating by the million—I reach for him, and I think—get him. Anyway, it's for you, the people, to say.

James M. Beck, Ex-Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, valiant "trust buster" and people's champion, who got such a peep behind the government's scenes in the Northern Securities hold-up that he was picked off by Rogers, Rockefeller and "Standard Oil" for legal adviser—I think I get three fingers and a thumb over and under his collar, and in a jerk, pull and twitch, expose just why James M. Beck is delivering garbage bouquets before college and insurance round-ups in the East, tagged "Beck Grills Lawson as a Frenzied Fakir."

This is the brilliant reformer who came to Boston on the eve of the recent infamous Gas Trial, and was so anxious that I should "match up" my testimony with Rogers. Do you know what "matching up" testimony means?

Other things and people of moment are man-handled and headed for the hospital.

Let me say right here—this number of Everybody's contains Russell's second chapter on the Beef Trust, which it behooves all patriotic Americans to read. If this March number had no "Frenzied Finance," nothing but the Beef Trust story between its covers, I would willingly contribute $15,000 to $20,000 worth of advertising to get it into the hands of the people.

Last month the edition of Everybody's numbered 900,000—unprecedented in the history of general magazine making—an increase of 200,000 over the previous month. Stop and think that this 200,000 increase in itself is much greater than the entire circulation of many of the leading magazines of the country, such as Harper's," "Scribner's," "The Century" and "The Review of Reviews." Still, I calculated that every copy would be sold within three days, and that this month's edition should be at least 1,100,000 or 1,200,000. I was mistaken. The West and South stood right up and went ahead as in the other months, but the East fell behind. They tell me it was because my installment was slow and heavy; that there was not enough raw-head-and-bloody-honeness about it. Maybe so, but it was the most important chapter I have yet written. It is full of valuable educational material. It was a brain clearer—absolutely necessary to an understanding of the "System" and the Crimes of Amalgamated. But with the lively chapter in the March issue, and the tremendously hot installments that are to follow, I feel that the halt in the increase (this month's issue is the same as last, 900,000 copies) is but momentary.

Let the American people, as they thumb over this exquisite March number of Everybody's, ponder what Russell's and my work means.

Ireland at the end of a hundred years of tortured struggle for Home Rule, will probably not attain that end before another five or ten have passed.

The French were fifty years trying to exchange their royal collar for the ballots of free men.

It took the stalwart, strenuous Yankee a decade to convince Royal George that his room was better than his company.

The Russians have been working their bloody kinetoscope night and day in the interest of constitutional government, and are still at it.

Sixty days after the people had "Frenzied Finance" in their hands, the "Standard Oil" monster was compelled, after forty years of silence, to publicly doff its insolent bonnet to the people.

Three months after the people got their eyes fixed on the devilries of the "System" they elected as President a people's champion, with a popular majority greater than ever given any of his predecessors.

Four months after "Frenzied Finance" was introduced into American homes three leading insurance companies were discharging their agents in bunches, and the aggregate business of the three was falling off at the rate of $1,500,000 a week.

After five months a single blast of truth from one man shook Wall Street to its foundations, and over $200,000,000 of what the people have been taught to believe was real value ran off into the gutter in the form of dirty water.

In six months, for the first time in the history of our country, a President of the United States was able to take by the throat the greatest business combinations and trusts the world has ever known, and shake them until their teeth chattered and their backbones rattled like hung dried corn in a fireplace when the wind gets at it.

In seven months the greatest national bank in the country, the City Bank of New York, was being hung up by the heels where all the people could see it in a lower and more contemptible transaction than I had even accused it of.

In eight months one of the greatest insurance companies of America was rent by internal dissension and its trustees were gouging and mauling each other in a public brawl as to who saw the people's savings first and who should have the larger part of the loot. Now these trustees of a great and sacred institution are accusing each other of things and hinting at crimes which even I have not touched upon.

And right here, at the beginning of my 9th chapter, Kansas—God bless her!—has risen and is sweeping her end of the "System" into the muddy waters of the Missouri to the tune of "Douse the dirty reptile—Douse!"

The people should ponder these things as they read this month's issue of

Everybody's Magazine

THOMAS W. LAWSON

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 20, 1905

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

From Merrimack St.

5.45, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 2.40 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.15	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.25	7.40	6.35	7.20
6.39	7.50	7.24	8.54
6.49	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.57
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.57
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.24
7.48	9.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.57
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.20
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.52	5.39	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.34
4.26	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.39	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.35	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	2.05
12.05	1.20	2.15	3.30
12.50	2.00	3.36	4.00
2.30	3.33	4.59	5.49
3.10	4.03	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.08	6.40	9.40	10.56
6.15	7.16	*11.15	*2.25
7.10	8.00		
8.30	10.25		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.13
12.10	1.20	2.00	3.00
3.55	4.50	5.00	6.25
5.32	6.33		
8.05	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.50	7.50	9.10	10.00
7.24	8.10	11.30	12.07
8.48	9.49	1.00	1.37
9.20	10.15	5.00	5.28
2.25	3.27	7.00	8.08
5.29	6.30	8.30	9.08
6.22	7.05	9.00	10.03

LOCAL NEWS

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HUNTINGTON HALL HEARING.

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, appointed to consider the question of the rebuilding of Huntington hall, will give a Hearing in the Public Hearing Room at City Hall, on Thursday, February 23, 1905, at 8 p. m. All citizens of Lowell are invited to attend and express themselves upon the following questions:

Shall Huntington Hall be rebuilt?
If so, what is the best location?

FRANK M. DOWLING,
Clerk of Committees.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW OPENED.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Spring-like weather had a marked increase in the majority of the classes favored the New England Kennel Club which opened its twenty-first annual show in Mechanics building today. In all there are 1161 entries. The greatest increase has been made in collies, French bull dogs, retrievers, Scottish terriers and Airedale terriers.

The judging of Beagles was begun as soon as the show was opened.

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TWO PIERS BURNED

Continued.

FIRE STARTED ON PIER FOUR.

The first warning of the conflagration came at 1.25, when Frank Warren, an electrician, who happened to be near the grain elevator, which is at the rear of pier 4, saw the flicker inside pier 4. He pulled in the automatic alarm from the grain elevator, as that was the first thing he could get his hands on. Almost simultaneously with that John Mullin, the cargo watchman on the wharves, saw the fire from a different point of view, and pulled in an alarm from box 413. This was followed by a third, fourth, fifth and finally by a general alarm.

The fire was attended by the most exciting incidents. Off pier 3 lay the Furness line Dalton hall, and when the flames swept through that pier toward the liner she was imminently threatened. Captain Gordon stood on the bridge and tried to calm his men and get them to fly and warp the vessel out. The crew paid no attention and for some time there was mutiny on board. Finally after the vessel had caught fire a line was passed from the draw of the Charlestown bridge to the vessel, and by immense effort the almost doomed vessel was pulled from her berth. Her bow was ablaze then.

On the north side of pier 4 lay the Wilson-Furness-Leyland liner Philadelphian. Her sides could be measured almost by inches from the start of the fire.

PHILADELPHIAN EARLY DOOMED

When the crew got up on board there was no hope for them but to take to the water. No time was left them to get the vessel out, no time to lower boats and get away—so they jumped—all of them, and that they were all saved was due to the courage and cool-headedness of the men about the wharves and to some patrolmen. That vessel was badly damaged.

ELEVATOR THREATENED.

The hardest work by the firemen came in keeping the fire from the grain elevator, which, while comfortably removed from the flames themselves, the heat spread to it, and furthermore several passageways led from the burning sheds directly to the big elevator and through these the flames tried to spread. Hosemen were sent into these runs from the opposite side and made their way toward the fire, fighting it back inch by inch, and after an hour's desperate and exhausting work they kept the flames from the runs and saved the elevator. It was a repetition of the struggle when pier 5 went down.

It was plainly to be seen when the firemen got to work that nothing could save the two burning piers, so all their efforts were spent in trying to prevent the spread of the flames and to save the two threatened vessels, the Philadelphian and the Daltonhall.

Through the excellent work of the fireboats the Philadelphian was saved from total loss. There seemed to be no hope at first of getting her from her perilous position close to the roaring dock.

Capt. Dickenson and his men accounted themselves a most fortunate lot of men after they had gotten together and counted noses. All were accounted for except three, and one, the chief steward, Fellows, was at the relief hospital. They were all terribly exhausted, some hardly able to stand, but as they gathered about the warm fire of the sailors' haven they all smiled and were thankful.

MOVED WHEN TOO LATE.

When the crew had been saved the firemen were already at work trying to save the vessel. Both fireboats had been pulled up close to her and lines were gotten aboard. Before the last of the crew jumped the flames were sweeping across the deck, eating up the rigging and making the paint on the port side blister, although sheltered from the fire. One by one the shrouds were burned away, and the foremast seemed to waver. The boom used to hoist cargo fell with a crash that sent up a shower of sparks to mingle with the myriads arising from the flaming sheds. On the starboard side of the vessel were two lighters and these also caught fire, although they were not badly damaged.

It was nearly 2.15 before any aid came to get the vessel from her berth. Then several tugs steamed up, made fast to her, and dragged her out some distance. As she moved slowly out the flames began to leap across toward shed 5 and it was then plain that the vessel had to a great extent prevented the spread of the fire in that direction. The wind, fairly strong, was blowing toward shed 5, and there is no doubt that had not the Philadelphian been there the flames would have spread to pier 5 and no one can tell where they would have stopped then.

When the vessel moved out and shed 5 began to be threatened streams were quickly gotten at the shed and while it caught in a few places on the roof it was saved from practical damage.

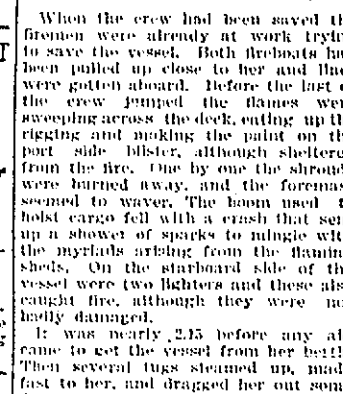
LOSS $1,500,000.

The crews of the fireboats had their work cut out for them in saving the Philadelphian from total loss. The vessel was partially unloaded, but a great quantity of freight still remained on it. The fire spread along the deck and ate its way into the cabin and it was there that the hosemen had the hardest work, fighting in narrow gangways amid flames and choking smoke. They stuck to their posts, however, although occasionally they had to give up one by one and get some fresh air into their lungs. Then they went back and began the fight again. By the time the vessel was pulled out, practically all the fire on the vessel had been extinguished.

Later in the morning the report spread from the sailors' haven, where the Philadelphian's crew was quartered in night caps and ladies' gowns, that two of their crew were missing. They had at first thought that all were safe, but they told a reporter that they then couldn't find Maurice Brown, an oiler, and John Say, a trimmer. They had hunted for these men, they said, and couldn't find them. It is feared they were drowned.

Joseph Humphries, a fireman of the Philadelphian, was reported missing at 4 this morning.

The estimate of the loss is $1,500,000.



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THE INJURED

MEMBERS OF CREW AND FIREMEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—A large double pier, Nos. 3 and 4 of the Hoosac Tunnel Docks in Charlestown, together with considerable freight, was completely destroyed by fire early today, and the steamer Philadelphian, from which the crew fled so hastily that several were injured, was hauled into the stream, with her upper works ablaze. The loss to the Boston and Maine R. R. company, the owners of the docks, is estimated at fully $400,000, while the damage to the Philadelphian will, it is thought, bring the total loss up to about a million dollars.

The adjoining pier, No. 5, which was burned last November and which was being rebuilt, was slightly damaged, while the steamer Dalton Hall, on the opposite side of the pier from the Philadelphian, backed out under her own steam, practically uninjured.

Chief Steward Fellows of the Philadelphian jumped overboard and was rescued in an exhausted condition while one of the firemen of the steamer jumped to the deck of a nearby lighter and had a leg broken. Captain Dickinson and his wife were taken off by the fireboat, after they had been driven to the stern of the burning steamer and were about to jump into the harbor.

The fire started presumably from spontaneous combustion in some hay on pier No. 4 at 1.30 o'clock this morning and swept with terrific speed through the long shed. Within five minutes after it was discovered fully a quarter of an acre of covered pier, well filled with the most inflammable goods, was wrapped in flames.

Blazing brands were carried across the harbor to the city proper, but fortunately away from a large grain elevator at the head of pier No. 4.

The Philadelphian, which arrived last Saturday and had discharged about a quarter of her cargo, caught fire within a few minutes. Her crew who rushed on deck at the first alarm were driven over the side by the great volume of flame, which poured across the decks. As but few harbor tugs were in the neighborhood, it was nearly an hour before she was hauled from her perilous position.

More than half the fire department of the city was called into service and fought the fire until dawn before it was subdued.

Those injured were: Chief Steward John W. Fellows, of the Philadelphian, of Liverpool, England, suffering from exposure in the water and exhaustion, in a dangerous condition. Fred C. Cushing, London, England, seaman on Philadelphian, right leg fractured by jumping to lighter. Charles W. Tate, London, England, seaman on Philadelphian, suffering from exposure in the water. John F. Murphy, fireman, engine 41, Charlestown, concussion of the brain. Dennis Driscoll, fireman, engine 35, Charlestown, toes crushed and back injured.

All the injured men were taken to the Relief hospital where Steward Fellows was placed on the dangerous list during the forenoon. The physicians stated that the others all would recover.

The masts and all the upper works of the Philadelphian, were practically destroyed, and her portside was badly damaged.

It has been years since alarms summoning so much apparatus to a single fire have been sounded and few fires ever have given the protection department harder work. When the first firemen reached the docks, the sheds on both piers 3 and 4 were burning furiously and the force, which steadily grew as the engines arrived in response to the repeated signals on the fire bells, and they could not begin to keep pace with the sweep of the blaze.

The direction of the wind is believed to have been the chief factor in preventing a much greater destruction of property in Charlestown. The leaping flames and brands driven out over the harbor lost their life before reaching anything inflammable, or, falling into the water, were quickly quenched.

The steamer Philadelphian which lay between the burning piers had small chance to escape and even before a stream from my source could be brought to bear her decks and upper works were ablaze. When she first caught more than half of her crew of 48 men were below and the speed with which the flames laid hold on her for a time made it seem impossible that all could have escaped. Captain Dickinson made it his business as soon as possible to account for all his men and was able to announce that no one had lost his life, although three had been injured.

The full extent of the damage to the steamship cannot yet be told. In addition to destroying the upper works, the flames reached the hold, but how far they went among the merchandise can only be ascertained by unloading the vessel. It is thought that practically all of her woodwork was destroyed.

The escape of the Dalton Hall is considered most fortunate as she has on board a very valuable cargo, having been practically loaded to sail for Rotterdam. The steamer Michigan of the Warren line at Pier No. 6, and the steamer Mariello also were threatened but they escaped damage.

While the property loss is severe, the destruction of the two piers will not seriously interfere with shipping. Ample accommodation is afforded by other docks in Charlestown and East Boston for all traffic likely to be handled at this season.

The loss to the Boston and Maine R. R. is covered by insurance. Other losers are also insured but to what extent has not yet been learned.

Miss Nannie Phelps o this city left Lowell today for a three months' visit to her parents in Virginia. She sailed from Boston on the steamship Ontario.

BUFFALO BILL

Mrs. Cody Willing to Forgive Him

CHEYENNE, Feb. 21.—Mrs. William F. Cody, wife of "Buffalo Bill," last night sent word from the bedside of her dying father, at North Platte, that she is willing to forgive her husband and forget Miss Isbelle, whose name has figured in the pending divorce action, if the famous old scout and showman will withdraw the accusation that she tried to poison him.

"Tell him I can forgive all," she wrote to Attorney Wilcox, "but I implore him to withdraw the accusation. I can forget the rest, but that has broken my heart."

Colonel Cody paid no attention to the message. Many more of the details of his friendship for Miss Isbelle were made known yesterday when the trial of his suit for divorce was resumed.

It is openly charged now by the attorneys for Mrs. Cody that Buffalo Bill is seeking a divorce with the intention of devoting the remainder of his life to Miss Isbelle, and in affidavits that will be presented to court it is set forth that the old scout has already begun to transfer to the young woman portions of his property, one place being a ranch in this state.

One of the first witnesses called yesterday was Arthur McDonald, president of the First National bank of Cody, whose testimony for the defense completely upset the charge that Mrs. Cody tried to poison her husband. On the occasion mentioned, according to the witness, Cody had been drinking, and he asked for some coffee to brace him up. His cook, thinking he needed liquor more than coffee, gave him a glass of brandy, and it was that which the Colonel mistook for poison.

Charles Iddings, of North Platte, said that in twenty years he had never heard Mrs. Cody use profane or vulgar language. He added that, so far as he knew, she never drank, nor did she keep liquor near her.

Dr. C. L. Gilam, of Cody, who took the stand for Cody, testified to having heard Mrs. Cody call her husband an "old reprobate" on one occasion.

MET GIRL IN PHILADELPHIA.

The additional information about Miss Isbelle is contained in an affidavit made in the East by John W. Claire, former valet and messenger for "Buffalo Bill," who testifies that he became acquainted with Bessie Isbelle at the Hotel Walton, in Philadelphia, when the Wild West Show was there.

"Where did you see her?" was asked.

"In Colonel Cody's room."

"Where did you next see her that season?"

"In Colonel Cody's tent at the show grounds, Minneapolis."

"Where next?"

"In the Colonel's tent at St. Paul."

"Anywhere else?"

"Yes. I saw her in Chicago first at the show grounds. She was in the Colonel's tent. He was looking for some money and said: 'I wonder what I did with that hundred?' At this Miss Isabelle drew a roll of money and said: 'I took it out of your pocket at the hotel.'"

Proceeding, Claire tells in his affidavit of having seen Miss Isbelle with Cody in Sherman, Texas, in New Orleans and other places. She always called him "Pehaska," which is Indian for "the long haired one." According to the witness, she never had any business relation with the show.

BRANDED CATTLE FOR HER.

Louis F. Clark, foreman of Cody's "TE" ranch on the South Fork of the Shoshone, in Big Horn county, Wyoming, told of having branded cattle for Miss Isbelle on the ranch. He said that she had told him Colonel Cody gave her the "Bar B. Q." ranch at the head of Rock Creek.

This means Miss Isbelle is a very mysterious person. Mrs. Cody says she was always informed that she was a "lady press agent" whose clever advertising inspirations had done wonders for the Wild West Show. Colonel Cody last night said that he knew nothing about her present whereabouts, though he supposed she was in the East.

"What were your relations with her?" he was asked last night.

"Business relations purely," he replied. "She was connected with the show as lady press agent and she was a mighty good one, too."

Miss Maggie Chisholm has gone to her home in Nova Scotia.

FOR CLEAN SHAVE

Hearing on Bill For the Licensing of Barbers

Bill Hayes' bill providing for the licensing of barbers was given a hearing by the committee on public health at the state house yesterday and before Old Hundred got through with the promoters of public health they all know that W. H. L. believes in a clean shave. The broad-shouldered representative said he looked forward with great interest to the day when the men who lather and shave will have to have licenses. He told the committee that he could quote a little scripture on the question of "clean barbering" but the committee allowed that the matter could be frowned out without reference to the good book.

Mr. Hayes spoke of the so-called barbers who drive one's whiskers in with a tack hammer instead of cutting them with a well honed razor. He also spoke of the "small towel" system; one towel for five or six customers and the poor system of sterilization. He said that the barbers who delight in filling a fellow's eyes full of lather should be exiled for life. He spoke of the talkative barber and the barber with a breath 101 proof and declared that in the event of his bill becoming law only good barbers need apply.

Others who spoke in favor of the bill were Rep. Stevens of Dracut, Frank K. Foster of the state branch of the Federation of Labor, and several barbers.

GREAT INTEREST

IN THE CITY ELECTION IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21—More than ordinary interest was manifested in the municipal elections today because of the charges of corruption made against the administration principally in the interest of the city party, a reform political organization, recently formed, which has been conducting a vigorous campaign.

Increased activity was noticeable at the polls, especially in those wards where the city party made a fight for councilmen. Early indications point to the election of the entire republican ticket including John L. Kinsey for city solicitor, the 10 candidates for magistrates and all the candidates for council. In the council-manic contests the republican leaders do not expect a single defeat.

In the magistrate contests Wm. Elsbron and Albert H. Adner, democrats have the endorsement of the city party and J. M. Hush Jermon, who has conducted an independent campaign is also suported by the reform organization. The minority representation on the magistrate ticket numbers five and it is believed that all of the democratic candidates will be elected.

CUSTOMS DUTIES

PROPOSED INCREASE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—The proposed increase in the Turkish customs duties has been accepted in principle by the governments of the six great powers on the condition that the revenue so derived shall be devoted to carrying out reforms. It is understood that Turkey in soliciting their assent to the increase undertook to accept the Austro-Russian scheme for reform of the finances of Macedonia.

D. H. Lannan is at Atlantic City, N. J.

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HOLIDAY MEETING

Appropriation Committee Will Meet Tomorrow

"The appropriations committee will meet on Wednesday evening even though the day is a holiday," said Chairman Braden to a party at city hall, this morning.

"But Mr. Dodge told a morning paper that the meeting will be held on Thursday," suggested one of the party.

"The chairman calls the meetings," smilingly responded Alderman Braden, who is the chairman.

"I understand that you and Mr. Dodge received some interesting information from the assessors' books, yesterday," remarked another member of the party.

"I wasn't there," said Chairman Braden.

A reporter of The Sun called at the assessors' office and in reply to his simple query Assessor Mahoney walked away from him saying: "I don't care to get into any newspaper controversy."

This would indicate that the committee has the assessors guessing, excepting, of course, Mr. Wheeler who is basking in the warm bubbles of Mt. Clements.

Chairman Braden declined to state just what will happen at the meeting tomorrow evening, but from all accounts something decidedly interesting is on the tapis.

Treasurer Stiles stated today that he had not been notified to appear before the committee again.

MINSTREL SHOW

BY BELVIDERE HOLY NAME SOCIETY TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Holy Name society of the Immaculate Conception church will hold a grand patriotic minstrel show in the school house tomorrow evening. Mayor Casey will be present and address the audience and the following program will be carried out:

End song, "All Round Round," Mr. Tony Doyle; solo, "The Song I Heard One Easter Morn," Mr. Frank Burns; end song, "Maguire, Esquire," Mr. John Carroll; solo, "Minstrel Boy," Mr. James McLaughlin; end song, "Alexandra," Mr. Alfred Cooney; solo, "Lenore," Mr. Frank Connor; end song, "O Gee! O Gee!" Mr. John Payne; solo, "Under the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," Mr. Thomas McQuade. Interlocutor, Mr. Edward F. Shea; accompanist, Miss Catherine A. Hessian.

KILLED CASHIER

Cody Bank Robbers Under Arrest

VERNAL, Utah, Feb. 21.—Albert L. Caldwell and David Fraughter, who are held in jail here on a charge of grand larceny, have been identified as the Cody bank robbers, for whom there is a reward of $5,000. An eye witness to the killing of the bank cashier positively identified Caldwell as the man who did the shooting.

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A Folding Lunch Box—The Gilman—with leather handle.
Large Size Coal Hods, worth 30c each.
Knife Trays, with walnut finish.
Dinner Pails, with cup.
5 Sheets Shelf Paper, any assortment of colors.
5 Crimp Top Lamp Chimneys.
1 dozen Tumblers or Water Glasses.
See Tomorrow's Store News for the Great Bargains
FOR 39c, 49c AND 59c
We offer these specials for every day of the sale.
14 quart Bread Raisers.....39c
Bread or Cake Boxes, Japanned size 10x14⅞x9½ inches.....39c
Enameled Coffee Pots.....39c
Hat and Coat Rack or Costumer, golden oak finish, 5 feet high, six arms, 3 legs, worth $1.00, while they last.....49c
Wall or Towel Dryers, with 10 hard wood arms, solid wood back 49c
5 gallon Galvanized Oil Cans, 49c
Bread Boxes, Japanned, size 11⅛x16x10⅜ inches 49c
Galvanized Wash Tubs, large size with wringer attachment, worth 85c 59c
Galvanized Garbage Pails, heavy, with dog-proof covers, worth 75c 59c
Ironing Tables, 4½ feet long, basswood top, hard wood legs, easily folded, worth $1.00...59c
Tea Kettles, all copper, nickle plated 59c
Tea and Coffee Specials During the Progressive Sales
3 lbs. Black Tea for.....50c
1 pkg. Cero Fruito for.....5c
2 lbs. Coffee for.....25c
1 lb. Cocoa for 30c
B. B. John's Stove Polish.....3 Pkgs. for 25c
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THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be fair tonight. Wednesday probably fair. There will be light easterly winds.

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ANOTHER CAVE-IN

More Trouble at First Street Embankment

EXTRA GANG OF MEN AT WORK

Many Cellars Have Been Flooded

The First street embankment, which causes the local division of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. trouble every time there is a thaw, has started to cave in again. Division roadmaster Michael E. O'Donnell, of the Boston & Northern Street Ry. Co. in anticipation of a landslide had a gang of men stationed at the First street embankment and when the water began to rush down the sides of the embankment and the earth began to crumble word was telephoned to the local office and an extra gang was sent to the scene.

The gang now at work on the embankment will work for twelve hours when another gang will start in. Men will be kept at work on First street until the danger of the earth and stones falling is over. In some places the water is a foot or more over the tracks, but new drains and gullies are being made by the workmen and the cars between this city and Lawrence have been able to run on scheduled time.

The only thing that the railroad officials are in fear of at the present time is a rain storm. If it starts to rain the First street embankment will start to come down in large portions and an extra gang will have to be placed at work in order to keep the tracks cleared.

Year after year this place has caused the street railway people considerable trouble.

On all of the suburban lines, as well as some of the city lines, the water covers the tracks and motormen have been cautioned to run slowly through these puddles in order to keep the motors from burning out.

TEAMSTERS TROUBLED.

The thaw of today has caused teamsters a good deal of trouble as the centre of the city is practically cleared of snow and many heavy sleds have been stranded until assistance arrived to help pull them off the bare spots.

This afternoon the city employes began dumping snow in the bare spots and this assisted materially in helping the heavy teaming.

CELLARS FLOODED.

The thaw has also caused an overflow of the sewers and catch basins and many cellars in the lowland districts of the city are flooded with water.

TOP OF FINGER

MICHAEL MONETTE HAD IT CUT OFF.

Michael Monette, aged 57 years, and residing at 65 Middlesex street, while at work at the factory of the United States Bobbin and Shuttle Co. today, had the top of his right little finger taken off. He was removed to the Emergency hospital where the finger was dressed.

A REPUBLICAN COMMISSION.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 21.—Governor Roberts today named Andrew F. Gates of Hartford, the present tax commissioner for term of four years from July 1 next to succeed W. O. Wilcox of Chester, and Frank E. Hetley of Windsor Locks, to be tax commissioner to succeed Mr. Gates.

The railroad commission for the first time in many years will be entirely republican.

FAVORS BRIDGE COMMISSION.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 21.—Among the few measures introduced in the Maine legislature today was one by Rep. Staples of Eliot, creating a bridge commission of three members to act in conjunction with a like committee appointed by the state of New Hampshire whose duty it shall be to consider all questions relating to the freeing of all toll bridges between the two states.

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THE MAYOR'S AID

Asked in Interest of Two Bills

TO REGULATE INSTALLMENT PLAN TRADING

Federation of Women's Clubs Behind the Bills

Miss Mabel Parton, of Boston, representing the Massachusetts Federation of Women's clubs and the Women's Educational and Industrial union of Boston, called at the mayor's office at City hall, this morning for the purpose of interesting Mayor Casey in two bills now before the legislature in relation to conditional sales of personal property. One bill provides among other things that all installment dealers traveling from place to place shall be placed in the same class as hawkers and peddlers and required to take out a license. The second bill provides that after a conditional sale if the salesman takes back the article sold because of the failure of the lessee to make all payments he must refund 50 per cent. of the money paid in by the party making the purchase. The first bill also provides that portions of the contract be printed in 11 point type single leaded which in common parlance means good, bold, legible type.

Miss Parton did not see Mayor Casey as His Honor was not at City hall but in all probability he will sign her petition to the legislature, as the bills are aimed to protect the general public, particularly the poorer classes who are forced to do business largely on the installment plan and they appear to work no hardship on the dealers.

VERY BAD SYSTEM.

Miss Parton also called on Mr. James Ramsay, probation officer for the superior court, and Mr. Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board. She asked their assistance and they promised to do what they could to help the cause along.

The hearing on the petitions will be before the committee on probate and chancery on March 1, at 10.30 o'clock, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Ramsay will attend the hearings.

The petition will also ask that the designing clauses shall be stricken from the agreements entered into by the purchaser, so that the original contract cannot be made permanent by purchases made by members of the purchaser's family. Following is a copy of the clause that hitches the purchaser to the gate post of the installment system:

"Any wife, child or husband I have or may have is authorized to buy goods on my name and account of said —— dealing in his own name or the name of the —— credit house and I will pay him for the same, and my indebtedness thereof shall be sacred to him thereby". This is the tie that binds and in a great many cases families remain for years in the grasp of installment houses.

The petitions presented by the Woman's Educational and Industrial union will also seek to so regulate that in the case of the purchaser being unable to continue his or her payments and in the event of the company reclaiming the goods the company must pay back to the purchaser, providing the goods are in good condition, 50 per cent. of the money paid on same.

It was only a few days ago that a woman who had bought a sewing machine on the installment plan was sent to jail. She had paid $18 on the machine and the party from whom she bought it, upon learning that the woman had been sent to jail, took the machine. It often happens that persons very desirous of paying weekly installments on articles purchased on the installment plan find it impossible to do so and it would be a great relief for them if the company in reclaiming the goods would have to pay back 50 per cent. of the money received.

ANNUAL SESSION

OF GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND A. O. U. W.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21—The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Ancient Order of United Workmen, held their fifth annual session in Arcanum hall here today, every lodge in the jurisdiction being represented by delegates. Grand Master Workman Charles C. Rhodes who presided in his annual report stated that considerable progress had been made during the year though many had left the order and that interest apparently lacking at the last meeting had been revived and the outlook for the ensuing year was promising. He recommended that the meetings of the grand lodge be held biennially, thus cutting down expenses and promoting the efficiency of the officers. The report of the grand recorder showed that there had been 27 deaths in the order during the year. Excellent financial conditions were reported by the treasurer.

Officers were elected as follows: Grand master workmen, George W. Greene, Woonsocket; past grand master workman, Charles C. Rhodes, Pawtucket; grand foreman, Clifford D. White, Providence; grand overseer, Thomas E. Wheeler, Pawtucket; grand receiver, Charles C. Rhodes, Pawtucket; grand recorder, J. Irving Davis, Providence; grand guide, Jerry D. Craddock, Westerly.

The installation of the newly elected officers took place after the mid-day recess.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 21.—The death of Henry Krueger, of Boone county, Indiana, at the age of 84, has removed another of thes urviving few who saw the famous charge of the light brigade.

CHARGE REFUTED

MR. A. G. CUMNOCK, PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Majority of Textile School Graduates Remain in Bay State

The Lowell Textile school was the subject of two hearings before the committee on education in room 417 at the state house today. The first hearing was on house bill 394 for completion of equipment and for grading grounds of the school and the other was on house bill 433 asking that two more trustees, for the school, be chosen from its graduates.

The hearing was a renewal of a bill presented last year asking for an appropriation of $37,000 for equipment and grading the grounds. It was simply taken from the files with the documents attached giving the reasons for the petition and the arguments in favor of the improvements contemplated.

James T. Smith, clerk of the trustees, had charge of the hearing and presented facts and figures showing why the bill should be enacted. The arguments were the same as those presented last year. The other gentlemen who appeared were A. G. Cumnock, president of the board of trustees, Frederick S. Clarke of North Billerica, E. S. Covel of Boston, and Franklin W. Hobbs, also of Boston, the two latter being members of the board of trustees. Representative Walker of Brookline also favored the petition, as did Principal W. W. Cromby of the school.

Perhaps the most important question asked and answered was one that came up last year, about the percentage of the graduates who go south. It was objected last year that most of the graduates went south to take charge of prominent positions in mills that compete with the mills of the north. This charge was refuted at the hearing in Boston today, as the report of the school showed that only 1 per cent. of the graduates go south, while 85 per cent. remain in this state, the other 11 per cent. being scattered in different states. There is little doubt that both bills will be enacted.

THE VALVE BROKE

Whistle Blew for Half an Hour

"Where was the fire this morning?"

"What was that whistle blowing for about half an hour this morning?"

"Was there a big fire around Lowell this morning?"

The above questions, repeated a hundred times, were telephoned to The Sun office this morning. People throughout the city about 5.30 o'clock this morning heard a steam whistle blowing and the whistle kept at its work for nearly half an hour.

All morning telephone calls were received at this office asking what caused the whistling.

The cause of the trouble was the breaking of a steam valve on one of the shifting engines in the yards of the Boston & Maine railroad. While one of the engineers was giving a regular signal the valve on the steam whistle broke and he was unable to stop the whistle which kept blowing until all of the steam ran down.

IRVING IS IMPROVING.

WOLVERHAMPTON, England, Feb. 21.—Sir Henry Irving is rapidly recovering from the severe chill which caused alarm regarding his condition. A bulletin issued this afternoon says he probably will be well enough to appear at the theatre tonight.

ONE MAN KILLED

Train Ran Into a Landslide

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21—The first section of the north bound Southern Pacific passenger train No. 9 on the Coast line was wrecked today, 35 miles north of Santa Barbara.

The train crashed into a land slide on a curve and a portion of the train was derailed. One man was killed, several of the train crews were seriously hurt and eight or ten of the passengers more or less injured. The man killed was Wm. Lorrero of San Francisco, representative of a tube manufacturing works. He was riding on the engine assisting in putting in a new appliance. His body was horribly mutilated.

INVESTIGATE OIL SITUATION.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—Ohio's former attorney general, Frank Monnett, will leave for Kansas tomorrow night to investigate the oil situation there for the American Anti-Trust association of Chicago.

KING BUYS STEEPLE CHASER.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—King Edward, whose steeple chaser Ambush II died Saturday in Ireland, today purchased the Australian jumper, Moifa, now first favorite for the Grand National steeple chase to be run at the Liverpool spring meeting March 31.

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HIT HER HUSBAND

Maggie Kirkland Was in Angry Mood

SHE ATTACKED HUBBY IN PUBLIC STREET

Passed Him a Quiet Little Upper Cut

WHILE THE STEEPLE BELLS WERE RINGING

She Used to Live in Tenth Avenue

The rather unusual case of a woman charged with assault and battery on her husband was tried in police court today. Mrs. Samuel Kirkland was the defendant and she was charged with assaulting her husband in the public street. John J. Hogan appeared for the defendant and D. J. Donahue for the Commonwealth.

Samuel Kirkland said that one week ago last Sunday at 10.15 o'clock in the morning he met his wife about opposite the High street Congregational church.

Witness said: "She called me bad names. She insulted my sisters, and when I tried to get away from her she struck me in the face. Her action was witnessed by several persons who were on the way to church."

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland are not living together. On cross-examination witness said he was on his way to church when the assault occurred, the First Pentecostal church, at the corner of Jackson and Central streets.

Josefa Stonch, a Polish girl, through the medium of Mr. Stein, the interpreter, said she saw the defendant strike Mr. Kirkland. "It was not a love slap—it was an angry hit."

Robert Hood was another witness for the government and he corroborated Mr. Kirkland's story of the assault.

Mrs. Kirkland told her story of the affair, dramatically. "I met my husband in the street. His nephew and another young man were with him. I faced my husband in the street and he said to me: 'Ain't you pretty?' I told him that I remembered the day when he thought I was pretty. We discussed our past lives and he called me a very bad name. His words provoked me and I struck him."

"Who started the casting up?" asked Mr. Donahue in cross-examination.

"He did," replied Mrs. Kirkland, "when he asked me if I lived in Tenth avenue, New York."

"Were you angry?"

"Not a whit more angry than he was."

"Answer my question, yes or no."

"I was very angry."

"Were there many people in the street when the assault occurred?"

"There was no stoppage of travel."

"Did you speak in loud tones?"

"You must remember that it was Sunday and I would not break the Sabbath."

"No, but you came near breaking your husband's face."

"Then's he's a poor man to tell it."

"Have you ever taken walks with other men?"

"None in particular."

"Are you a drinking woman?"

"Only as my system requires it. I do not abuse liquor."

"Do you know that your husband has watched you?"

"Yes, I do."

On re-direct examination Mrs. Kirkland said her husband had "thumbed his nose" at her on several occasions and had said mean insulting things to her.

After short arguments by the lawyers, Judge Hadley reviewed the evidence briefly, and ordered the defendant to pay a fine of $12.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Archie M. Goodwin was sentenced to three months in jail and was ordered in $100 to keep the peace for six months. Four first offenders were fined $2 each and one was released.

GRAND DUCHESS

HAD NO PERMISSION TO CROSS RUSSIAN FRONTIER.

EYDTKUHNE, Prussia, Feb. 21.—Grand Duke Paul (who has been restored to his rank and honors after having been an exile for several years as the result of a morganatic marriage with Mme. Olga Pistolkoos) proceeded to St. Petersburg alone, no permission having been received for the grand duchess to cross the Russian frontier. She left here today, returning probably to Paris.

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 21—Play in the American bowling congress tournament began today with a few individuals who were scheduled to play later in the week, but were anxious to return to their homes. Century No. 1 of Chicago still leads in the five-men class, with a score of 2775.

The Formers of Cleveland, are second, 36 points behind. Jones and Best of Milwaukee are leaders in the two-men class.

$200,000 TO HARVARD.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Announcement was made today that James Colidge Carter, a leading member of the New York bar who died recently, has bequeathed $200,000 to Harvard university. It is stated that the gift is practically without restrictions as to the method of its expenditure.

EXTRA

AFTER TAX DODGERS

Councilman Dodge Has Scheme for Them

Will Introduce Tonight a New Ordinance Requiring the City Treasurer to Report Delinquents Annually to the City Council Along With Report of Abatements

Councilman Dodge's latest move in regard to delinquent taxpayers is a proposed ordinance which he will introduce at tonight's meeting of the common council as follows:

An ordinance requiring the city treasurer and collector of taxes to make certain reports to the city council.

Be it ordained etc.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the city treasurer to report to the city council annually, in the month of January, the names and residences of all persons upon whom a poll tax only was assessed more than one year prior to the first day of January of the year in which such report is made, which remains unpaid and has not been abated, together with the amount of such tax due from each of such persons with the interest and costs, if any accrued thereon.

Section 2. The city treasurer shall also, annually in the month of January report to the city council the names and residences of all persons on whose property, real or personal, a tax was assessed more than two years prior to the first day of January of the year in which the report is made, which tax remains unpaid and has not been abated, together with the amount of the said taxes and interest and costs, if any, thereon, and whether any, and if so what steps have been taken by sale or otherwise for the collection of the same.

Section 3. Upon receiving notice from the board of assessors of any abatement of taxes made by said board, it shall be the duty of the city treasurer to transmit a copy thereof to the city council.

REVISE TARIFF

Philippine Bill in the House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The house in committee of the whole today began consideration of the bill to revise the tariff laws of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Payne (N. Y.) chairman of the committee on ways and means, explained that the bill did not affect the question of goods imported into the United States from the Philippines, but that it did affect goods exported from the country to those islands. The bill was for revenue purposes and originated with the Philippine commission.

Several southern members asked Mr. Payne regarding the reason for the reduction of the duty on manufactured tobacco, which elicited the reply that it was thought that product would yield a little revenue and at the same time not interfere with the industry in the islands.

Concerning the cotton schedule, Mr. Payne said that the language of the former measure had been changed in such a manner as to give the United States mills a better chance in the market than foreign mills through the classification of the goods.

RAILROAD RATES

NO DECISION AS TO POSTPONEMENT OF LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today reached no definite conclusion as to a postponement of railroad rate legislation at this session of congress. The committee will go on with hearings Thursday, when the resolution of Senator Kean providing for an investigation of the subject of rate legislation during the recess will be considered.

ONNIBUS BILL

GILBERT WANTS IT GIVEN THE PREFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Chairman Gillett (N. Y.) of the house committee on public buildings and grounds took the initiative in behalf of the omnibus public building bill by applying to Speaker Cannon for a rule giving that measure the right of way in the house and backed up this application with a petition signed by three hundred members of the house, both republican and democrats.

In former conferences with the speaker, as chairman of the committee on rules, little encouragement has been received for the bill. No apparent change was indicated today. Some of the most radical advocates of a public building measure have suggested calling a caucus in the event the committee on rules remains deaf to the pleadings of members. Chairman Gillett is hopeful that his bill will be given a right of way without drastic measures.

F. O. E. NOTICE

All members of local 223 are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, Frank P. Carey, 121 Lawrence street at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, February 22, at which place the exercises of our order will be carried out. Per order,
JAMES W. BARRY, Worthy President.

FAVORABLE REPORT

ON BILL FOR INAUGURATING LAWS FOR CANAL ZONE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate committee on finance today authorized a favorable report on a house bill fixing the status of persons and merchandise coming into the United States from the Panama canal zone. The bill provides that the tariff and immigration laws shall apply to the canal zone in the same manner as they are applied to foreign countries.

HOYT RESIGNED

Admits He Violated the Liquor Law

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Admitting that he has been technically guilty of a charge that he had sold liquor illegally, George M. Hoyt, chairman of the state board of pharmacy tendered his resignation as such today to Governor Douglas. During a debate on the floor of the house last week, when a pharmaceutical bill was under consideration, Chairman Hoyt was charged with having violated the liquor law by making an illegal sale. In his letter of resignation Mr. Hoyt says that he does not deny the charge but he asserts that his offence was merely technical.

HE DROPPED DEAD

Election Officer Was Arrested

PITTSBURG, Feb. 21.—Daniel Dwyer, an election officer in the 13th ward, dropped dead today while being taken to jail, charged with ballot box stuffing in connection with the municipal election being held in this city today. Four other members of the election board in this ward were arrested on the same charge. The fight over the city controllership is very bitter and there have been many fights at the polls. Judge Rodgers issued 25 warrants for fraudulent voting.

THE WINCHESTER
IS AMERICA'S GREATEST HEATER
WELCH BROS.
61 and 63 Middle St.

6 O'CLOCK

DOOMED TO DEATH

Assassin of Sergius Warns the Imperial Family

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.--The assassin of Grand Duke Sergius maintains an attitude of profound indifference. When pressed to reply to questions he declared that all the efforts of the authorities would have no result. Before his victim was laid under earth other victims would be found. Regarding his motives, the assassin said he only acted in the interests of an oppressed people. He considered the deed was an act of duty. The Grand Dukes had for years violated every canon of ordinary decency and ruined the country while exploiting the weak will of the emperor for their own ends. They had made him a tyrant. He was aware that the Emperor was an innocent dupe and his party had decided to deliver the Emperor from the evil influences surrounding him in the hope that he some day would join in the movement and become head of a national government based on western lines.

Neither the police nor their spies, the assassin added, will be able to protect those who are doomed to death.

MELLEN'S REPLY

On Arbitration Scheme Awaited

THE TROUBLES LIKELY TO BE SETTLED

Leaders are Moving With Great Caution

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 21.—"President Mellen is considering a proposal or arbitration which has been submitted to him and we expect an answer from him today," said Timothy Shea, the second vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen in outlining the situation existing today as regards the demand of the members of the Firemen's Brotherhood employed on the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. system. Mr. Shea said the proposal which had been submitted to President Mellen comprehended the appointment of committee of arbitration to consist of representative of the railroad company a member of the Brotherhood of Firemen and a natural neutral third party. Although the fact was called to Mr. Shea's attention that the railroad company had already rejected a proposition of this nature he declared he had reasonable ground for the belief that the proposition would be accepted.

Today Mr. Shea received a telegram from a committee of the Brotherhood of Firemen of the Pennsylvania railroad telling of an agreement with that company similar to that demanded by the firemen of the N. Y., N. H. and H. The telegram was as follows:

"The following agreement between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Pennsylvania Railroad company has been adopted:

"Any engineman, fireman, or hostler who considers that an injustice has been done him and having appealed his case in writing to the superintendent and after his appeal has been acted upon by the division superintendent, may if he so desires be represented before the superintendent, general superintendent, and general manager by a committee, representing the firemen, except that in case of enginemen (meaning engineers) such committee should consist of promoted men. This rule which was adopted by the Pennsylvania railroad and a committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen is the same identical rule for which we are contending in your city."

The executive board of nine members of the firemen's grievance committee were in session this forenoon at their headquarters apparently waiting for the answer from President Mellen to which Mr. Shea referred. Regarding his visit to New York yesterday to meet "moneyed interests" which proposed arbitration Mr. Shea again refused to talk. He said however that the expected visit of Grand Master Hannahan to New York was not connected with New York, New Haven & Hartford affairs in any way. Mr. Shea also said that he had sent for Mr. Hannahan.

SIR HENRY IRVING ILL.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Sir Henry Irving is reported to be somewhat seriously ill at Wolverhampton. He collapsed after the performance last night and has been obliged to cancel his attendance at a meeting to be held in the Wolverhampton Town Hall this afternoon, where he was to be presented with a silver casket. He is suffering from the effects of a chill.

HARBOR ENTRANCE BLOCKED.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 21.—The entrance to the harbor here is blocked by ice today. A three-masted schooner became fast in the ice while trying to enter early today, but succeeded in freeing herself and in skirting the edge of the ice field awaiting an opportunity to get through. About 20 haddock fishermen are caught in the harbor.

A Bad Stomach

Lessens the usefulness and mars the happiness of life.

It's a weak stomach, a stomach that can not properly perform its functions.

Among its symptoms are distress after eating, nausea between meals, heartburn, belching, vomiting, flatulence and nervous headache.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures a bad stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia, and the cure is permanent.

Accept no substitute.

HEARING ON BILL

For Change in Election Laws

The committee on election laws, Senator Cheney, chairman, gave a hearing today on a petition praying that candidates for elective offices be nominated by direct plurality vote. This would do away with the conventions which are called to nominate candidates for representatives and the senate in those districts that include towns that have not accepted the Lucas law. The hearing was largely attended and was productive of great interest.

KOSSUTH PARTY

WON THE PRESIDENCY OF THE DIET.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 21.—The lower house of the Hungarian Diet today elected Julius Justh, a member of the Kossuth party, to be president of the house. Justh, who was the candidate of the united opposition, secured a majority of 62 over Tallian, the candidate of the Liberals.

UNION LABOR BANK

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Union labor is to have its own financial institution in Chicago. The prospectus of the First Union Labor bank, which has just been issued, says that the stock subscription books decided on last December are open. The metal workers and the machinists are the promoters of the enterprise, which, however, is intended to benefit workmen in general. The directors will be elected by trade unionists and the profits accrue to the share holders.

INDIAN ATHLETES

SENTENCED AS DESERTERS FROM THE ARMY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Castle William, an old military prison on Governors Island, has received a quartet of Seneca Indians, three of them in school days, famous athletes of the Indian school at Carlisle, Penn.

The redmen who began to serve terms for desertion from the army are Glen Pierce, a few years ago one of the tackles on a Carlisle football team; Wallack Dockstader, one of the best shortstops the Indian school ever produced; Lake Abren, a star pitcher four years ago, and Morris Lee, a Seneca boy who was not so fortunate as to get a chance to distinguish himself at the Indian school.

All the Indians were sentenced by a court martial that recently sat at Fort Porter, near Buffalo, to serve one year each. They deserted from the first infantry, garrisoning that post.

INJUNCTION OUT

TO RESTRAIN THE PAYMENT OF $5000 NOTE.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—In connection with the elaborate efforts that are being made to discover the whereabouts of the bonds and other securities which disappeared from the home of Herman S. Cheney of Southbridge, an injunction was issued in the equity session of the superior court here today, which is intended to restrain the payment of a note for $500, which today falls due and which is alleged to have been a part of the stolen papers. The injunction is directed against G. Henry Whitcomb, a Worcester capitalist, and the American Loan and Trust Company and it forbids them temporarily from paying a note for $500 to any person except Herman S. Cheney. Mr. Whitcomb and the trust company are also directed to impound the note in question provided it comes into their possession. The injunction was asked by attorneys for Mr. Cheney first on the ground that the note is capable of being collected today and therefore possibly entailing a loss to Mr. Cheney and secondly, on the ground that the court's action might lead to a clue as to the whereabouts of the remaining securities. A hearing in the case has been ordered for February 21.

ANOTHER SET-TO

OVERSEERS OF POOR WILL GET TOGETHER ON THURSDAY.

The overseers of the poor will hold another set-to at the city farm Thursday evening when "Kid" McCoy and Eddie Eastman will again entertain the members in a purely scientific encounter. Sec. Courtney will referee and the club physician, Dr. Donlan will pass upon the physical qualifications of the scrappers before they enter the ring.

FOR ANNEXATION

Spicy Hearing in Dracut Last Evening

Majority Favor Annexation—John Ames Leads the Annexation Forces—Public Hearing Will be Held in this City

A lively hearing on the question of annexation was held by Dracut Navy Yard residents at the Hillside church last evening and the disinterested spectators had fun galore as the warring elements clashed and waxed personal. It was the third attempt of the annexationists to get the land owners out for an expression of opinion and this time they were eminently successful for they got them out though unfortunately some of them were strongly opposed to annexation.

Peter Bolton, an anti-annexationist, was chosen chairman of the evening and he proved to be a most lenient one for the most of the time the hearing proceeded on "free-for-all" lines.

John Ames, promoter of annexation and sole owner of the celebrated Ames cold water plant, soon to be shut down, was the first speaker and when it comes to speaking John is the champion welterweight of the town. He has given much thought to the subject of annexation and advanced several reasons why the strip of land outlined in the petition should be annexed.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Ames said: "It is easier for a donkey to jump through the eye of a needle than for anyone to get up here tonight and say we ought not to be annexed.

"Any man with half a headful of brains can see the good which is sure to come to us individually and collectively. There is no need for antagonistic feelings or bickerings. We want the improvements. How shall we get them?

"We might ask the town of Dracut a hundred years for sewers and good streets and our funeral processions would bump along over the same old streets without sewers, without top dressings, without everything but bumps.

"The only way to become progressive is to annex ourselves to Lowell, pay our relative share for the good things which will then come our way, and the value of our property will be increased instead of depreciating as it has during the past 10 years."

Mr. Ames sat down amid applause and up jumps Adolf Frank Gunther with these remarks: "I am not ashamed to live in the dear old town of Dracut. I have no water that Johnny Ames can shut off and I'll be hanged if I can be pulled over to the other side by any threats as some have been during the past week. Go ahead, Johnny Ames," he cried, "and close down your high water service, it won't bother me a little bit."

Mr. Gunther was intensely wrought up as he resumed his seat.

Then "Johnny" Ames spoke right out in meetin'. "Don't be always harping on that water question," he said, without addressing the chair. "Try and forget that and think of the sewers, lights, streets and fire protection. That's what you get under annexation."

"Great Heavens!" cried back Mr. Gunther. "If you follers would go up to town meetin' and holler for these things as you do now you'd surely get 'em."

"Get 'em where the chicken got the axe," interrupted Mr. Tyrrell. "You could holler up there for a hundred years and your children could take up the chorus before anything like that would happen."

Mr. Ecklund said that Fred street was in the city but there was no sewer there or nothing else. He was then informed that Fred street has not yet been accepted by the city.

"The matter of fire protection should not be overlooked," said Mr. Ames. "We have no hydrants and hence this part of the town is in great danger."

"I go to Lowell every day," said Mr. Tyrrell and use the streets and have police protection and other advantages. When I return home I feel ashamed of this slow, God-forsaken town of Dracut. I'm for annexation and will gladly pay my share toward these improvements and so it is with every taxpayer who has brains." (Great applause.)

"Anyone who comes here and tries to stop the progress of this town should be ridden out of town on a rail," said Mr. Ames with appropriate gestures, and the audience cheered him.

"How about the water this town used to receive from the Ames system?" asked Mr. Ecklund for the purpose of getting Mr. Ames "on a rope."

"That will do," interrupted Mr. Ames. "I'm not under obligations to be tied to an old woman's apron strings." (Great laughter.)

Former Constable John J. Breck presented a strong argument for annexation. Said Mr. Breck: "All this talk about getting improvements from the town is hot air. We will never get anything from Dracut. Annexation has got to come. We admit that we will have to pay for the good things, for we are not a lot of cheap people who expect something for nothing. We will be only too glad to pay our proportionate share of the taxes necessary to bring about a new lease of life. What's the use of staying dead. It may take five years or more before we get all we want after annexation, but that is the way things go. A man in Collinsville told me today that if the line took in the Ledge hill district and went beyond the paper mill, then he and many others would help along the move with their votes."

Mr. Ames said that the mill people had assured him that they would not interfere in the matter.

Chairman Bolton finally got a chance to say a few words and he aroused great enthusiasm by stating that while he did not personally favor annexation he would not be selfish, and if the others in his neighborhood were favorable then he would lend his voice and vote.

A committee of two consisting of John Ames and William Tyrrell was appointed to see Representative George H. Stevens, and to ask him to arrange with the mayor of Lowell for a public hearing in city hall before the legislative committee on cities and towns.

Meanwhile Mr. Ames will give his time to find out the actual valuation and population of the land outlined in the petition and will be ready to report at the next meeting.

IN BANKRUPTCY

Receivers Appointed for Chase-Merritt Co.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Receivers were appointed for the Chase-Merritt company, a Maine corporation, engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes at Mechanic Falls, Maine, by Justice Colt in the United States Circuit court here today. The appointees are Wendell E. R. Richardson of Arlington and David F. Montague of Boston.

The receivership, which was consented to by the company, was based upon the declaration of Nathaniel F. Thayer, of the firm of N. F. Thayer & Co., of this city, that the Chase-Merritt company is indebted to various persons on promissory notes, some of which are overdue and some of which the corporation, it is alleged, will be unable to meet. The petitioner alleged specifically that the corporation was indebted on promissory notes to the extent of $33,000, and also that $40,000 is owed to other creditors.

The Chase-Merritt company has an office in this city at 165 Lincoln street.

The petitioners' personal claim was declared to be $3,797.

CRUSADE BEGUN

AGAINST THE EXTRA LOOM SYSTEM.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 21.—The Barnard mill weavers, who struck yesterday, are still out. Another meeting has been called for Thursday. The strikers say they will not return to the mill and operate ten looms.

Agent Borden claims that he is only operating his mill under the same conditions as other local factories and that all have got to get down to a lower cost of production. The strike at the Barnard mill is the opening of a crusade of weavers against the extra loom system.

FOOD SAMPLES

2000 WERE FOUND TO BE ADULTERATED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 21—Of 6,000 samples of food products of 61 different kinds examined during the last year at the Connecticut Agricultural experiment station, more than one-third were found to be adulterated, according to the nineteenth report just issued. Certain staple articles such as flour, sugar, cheese, condensed milk and tea, says the report have not been found adulterated in this state. Most of the food adulterations at the present time are quite innocuous apparently, as far as health is concerned but are frauds and consist for the most part of cheap and worthless made weights added to increase profits or meet competition in price. In this class are ground coffee, spices and cream of tartar.

Among the forms of adulteration dangerous to health, the report finds that chemical antiseptics, borax and formaldehyde are used largely with milk "as a sub for cleanliness in the dairy." Of 81 samples of tomato catsup, and chil sauce examined 71 were colored red with dyes and 77 were preserved with salicylic benzoic acid.

GEN. CORBIN

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF GOVERNOR WRIGHT.

MANILA, Feb. 21.—Major General Corbin, military commander of the Philippines, entertained a large number of guests at a lawn fete today, the occasion being the introduction of Governor Wright as the first American governor general of the Philippines.

Cornelius Collins of High street, proprietor of the Franklin House has returned after a most enjoyable trip to the South. He reports the weather unusually cold at St. Augustine for the season.

TRY A

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PROPRIETORS.

WASHINGTON DAY

Observed by Patriotic Exercises in Schools

Exercises in honor of the anniversary of Washington's birthday, which occurs tomorrow, were held in a number of the schools today. The programs were all of a patriotic character.

BUTLER SCHOOL.

An elaborate program was carried out by the pupils of the Butler grammar school in Gorham street in the school hall this afternoon. The exercises commenced at 2 o'clock. The following program was carried out:

Salute to the Flag
"The Flag that Betsey Made" Vera Veevers
Chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner" School
Dialogue John McKenna, John Asquith
"The Father of His Country" Sylvia Mason
Piano solo, "The Little Soldiers' March" Winnie Greuber
"In the Good Old Days" Joseph Sullivan
"When Sunset Turns," etc Mollie Rogers
Violin obligato Alfred, Esther and Ida Pihle
"Washington's Christmas Party" Lillian Green
Chorus, "The Red, White and Blue." School
"The Star Spangled Banner" Harry Erickson
Taps ..... George Kerwin
"The Veteran" ..... James Allen
Violin obligato Esther Pihl and Ethel Webster
"Every Man a Veteran" Louis Sykes and Chorus
"The Modern Martha Washington" Alice Sheehan
"Good-bye, Little Girl, Good-bye" Joseph Sousa and Chorus
"Lincoln at Gettysburg"..Geo. Freeman
"Mt. Vernon Bells," Masters Gumb, Nelson, McHugh, Murphy, Dowd, Callahan, Entwistle.
Special..James Winn, James Broderick
Chorus, "The New America" ....School

EDSON SCHOOL.

Appropriate exercises were held at the Edson grammar school this afternoon. Owing to the fact that there is no hall in the school, exercises were held in the different class rooms, elaborate programs having been prepared by the different teachers. The different programs consisted of readings, recitations and patriotic songs.

VARNUM SCHOOL.

There was a general observance of the anniversary of George Washington's birthday by the pupils of the Varnum grammar school, but the exercises were held in the individual rooms owing to the fact that the hall had to be utilized recently for the overflow rooms. The teachers arranged programs appropriate to the occasion and the pupils participated.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Washington day exercises were held at all of the primary schools in this city today, some being held in the morning while others were in the afternoon. In a number of the schools special work has been prepared by the pupils in the way of drawings of pictures, while the traits of Washington's life and little stories in connection with his life had been learned and were recited.

BOSTON STOCK MARKET.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—The local market for the copper specialties was broader and stronger today than for weeks. The recent strength in Shoe Machinery and Boston and Worcester was well maintained, considering the realizing sales which such advances naturally invite. There was a good absorbing power throughout the list.

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IN GREAT DEMAND

Social Invitations Pour In Upon Mayor Casey

Mayor Casey will have a busy Washington's birthday and it all comes on him at the same time, for though during the day city hall will be closed and his honor may then take a rest, in the evening he is due to address the reunion of St. Louis' parish, and he is down for a speech at the entertainment of the Holy Name society of the Immaculate Conception church and finally he is to be in the march at the Mechanics' Phalanx hall.

If the social demands upon the mayor's time continue, for his own peace of mind he will have to follow the example of the mayor of Worcester, who not only decided not to attend social functions but inserted in his inaugural address a statement to the effect that owing to his many business engagements as mayor he would have to decline all social invitations except in the case of distinguished visitors to the city or representatives from other city governments coming to town.

Mayor Casey finds time to accept all the local invitations but has been obliged to decline several from out of town.

SATURDAY DANCES

REV. FR. MURPHY PREACHED UPON THEM.

At St. Michael's church Sunday, Rev. Fr. Murphy preached a forceful sermon on the subject of Saturday night dances as conducted in Lowell.

COAL RATES

TAKEN UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY TRAFFIC MANAGERS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 21.—Traffic managers of the principal lines west of Pittsburg engaged in the Lake coal business are meeting in Pittsburg today to consider rates on Lake coal for the season beginning April 1. Operators of the Pittsburg district have requested a lower rate to Lake Erie in order to check what they claim to be ruinous competition of the Illinois operators in the northwest and equalize the eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania districts. Local operators allege that the former has received for some time an unfair advantage. The traffic men have not intimated in any way whether there is a possibility of a rate reduction.

SOCIETY WOMEN

DECIDE ON WAY TO SALUTE THE FLAG.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—After a heated debate in which 40 women took part, the Bayonne, N. J., Political Study club has voted, by a large majority that the proper way for a girl to salute the flag is to touch the forehead with the right hand, precisely as a man does. The club is composed of the leading society women of Bayonne and vicinity and has been considering the question of saluting for some time and one of the members went so far as to ask President Roosevelt for his opinion.

In the debate which preceded the voting one elderly club woman declared that women should "Wait until these lords of creation give us our rights and a full measure of citizenship before we salute the flag at all."

RHODE ISLAND JUDGE

G. FRANK PARKHURST CHOSEN TO FILL VACANCY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—The Rhode Island general assembly in grand committee unanimously elected G. Frank Parkhurst of this city to the vacancy on the state supreme court bench resulting from the recent death of Chief Justice Tillinghast.

The new associate justice was born in Providence September 17, 1854, and received his education in the local public schools and in Brown university, graduating from the latter institution in 1876. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and has practised law in this city since that date and is a member of the state, United States and supreme court bars. He served in the Providence city council from 1892 to 1895 and was state senator from this city from 1900 to 1902.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Clearing house statement:
Exchanges, $28,408,625.
Balances, $1,508,475.

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JUDGE PARKER

Won First Case That He Tried

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21—Former Judge Alton B. Parker's first case before the court of appeals, decision in which was rendered some weeks ago, has returned before that court in a motion made yesterday by John M. Bowers, his opponent in the case, to amend the remittitur and practically reverse the judgment of the appellate division ordering a new trial.

This motion by Mr. Bowers developed the fact that while on the surface of the decision, Judge Parker lost his case, the appeal of his client being dismissed, the judgment of the court was really in his favor. The opinion showing this result has not been published until now.

The question at issue was whether a certain deed given by Mrs. Elizabeth Reich, the appellant in the case and Judge Parker's client to Mrs. Alicia Y. Taban, was in effect a mortgage upon a farm at Brentwood, Long Island, or was a deed outright, creating a purchase of the property. The latter was the contention supported by Judge Parker.

The court dismissed the appeal on the ground that it could not review a disputed issue of fact.

But in the prevailing opinion by Judge Haight, the court settles the points of law in accordance with Judge Parker's view and a dissenting opinion by Judge Martin, goes still further and holds that the judgment of the trial court, in favor of Judge Parker's client should be sustained.

Judge Parker yesterday opposed Mr. Bowers' motion whose granting would involve what is called judgment absolute and prevent a retrial of the case on its merits.

HORSES PERISHED

FIRE WAS PROBABLY OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

MERIDEN, Conn., Feb. 21—Twenty-five horses were burned to death in a fire which consumed a large barn belonging to the Charles Parker company, hardware manufacturers, today. The total loss is estimated at $25,000 and is covered by insurance. Fire Marshal Bloomfield and the police are investigating in the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin and the state fire marshal has been notified. When discovered by a watchman, the fire enveloped the building so completely that the firemen could not enter it, and all its contents including besides horses many wagons and harnesses were burned.

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LATEST

TWO PIERS BURNED

$1,500,000 Fire Along Water Front in Boston

Two Ships Were Badly Damaged—Crew of the Philadelphia Had to Jump into the Water—Three Reported Missing

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—In the most extensive and disastrous fire that this city has had for years, piers 3 and 4 of the Hoosac tunnel docks were totally destroyed, the steamships Daltonhall and Philadelphian badly damaged and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of freight on the piers and cargo in the vessels wiped out by fire between 1.30 and 4 this morning.

Starting in pier 4 on the ground floor in some hay, it spread like a prairie fire even against the wind, filling that pier with lurid flames, leaping across the water to pelr 3 and inside of 10 minutes after the first alarm both great sheds were one mass of flames, leaping high into the air and threatening, not only the piers on either side, but also the mammoth grain elevator.

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JESSE POMEROY WANTS A PARDON

BOSTON, FEB. 21.—JESSE POMEROY, WHO IS NOW SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE IN STATE PRISON FOR THE MURDER OF CHILDREN, TODAY SENT A PETITION FOR PARDON TO GOVERNOR DOUGLAS. POMEROY HAS GAINED CONSIDERABLE NOTORIETY THROUGH HIS NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

TURBINE STEAMER

Turned Out at Glasgow for Cunard Co.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb. 21.—The Cunard Liner Turbine steamer Carmania was launched at Clyde Bank this afternoon in the presence of Lord Inver Clyde (chairman of the Cunard Steamship company) and a great crowd of people. She is of 21,000 tons register, is 673 feet long, has eight decks and accommodation for 12,656 passengers and a crew of 450 men. The Carmania is expected to attain a speed of 21 knots

PROVIDENCE POLICE

DO NOT BELIEVE A WOMAN MURDERED JOHN HART.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—The mystery surrounding the murder of John A. Hart of this city who was found dead with a bullet in his brain upon the arrival here of the Joy line steamer Larchmont from New York last Sunday morning seemed but little clarified today although the detectives assigned to the case were engaged following out the several slight clues which have been brought to light.

The ownership of the pasteboard shoe box which was found in Hart's state-room and which bore the name of "John School" is looked upon as being the most promising clue to the owner's identity which has yet appeared together with the description of the person seen leaving Hart's room by Porter Moses Thornton of the Larchmont.

The local police place but slight credence in the theory formed by the New York officers that a woman committed the crime afterwards throwing her own clothing overboard and dressing in the murdered man's suit.

SUPREME COURT

ISSUED INJUNCTION AGAINST INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 21.—The supreme court of Wisconsin today decided favorably the Equitable Life Assurance society's suit to make permanent an injunction against Insurance Commissioner Szeno M. Host, who sought to revoke the company's license for doing business in Wisconsin. The law provides that life insurance companies doing business in Wisconsin may make a distribution of surplus in two, three, four or five years. Commissioner Host held that this made a distribution every five years mandatory.

The company secured an injunction against revocation of its licenses, but Judge Dinwiddie, in a circuit court, sustained Commissioner Host, and appeal was taken to the supreme court with the result noted. Had Commissioner Host been sustained, it is estimated that about $8,000,000 of surplus would have been distributed among Wisconsin policy holders.

EX-MAYOR TALCOTT DEAD.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 21—John B. Talcott, president of the American Hosery Company and a former mayor of New Britain died today. He was 80 years of age. He was graduated from Yale in 1846 and admitted to the bar in Hartford in 1848. Since 1851, he had been identified with various manufacturing interests in this city.

MID WEEK SERVICE.

Rev. R. A. Greene of Grace Universalist church will conduct the mid-week service at the Unitarian church Wednesday from 4 to 4.30 p. m. All are welcome.

W. C. T. U.

The devotional meeting will be held Thursday of this week, Feb. 23, at 3 p. m. at the home of Miss Lucy A. Hill the president, 228 Worthen st. All women are cordially invited.

GAS COMMISSION

Was Attacked by Rep. Coulthurst

BOSTON, Feb. 21—A variety of bills, all intended to affect the Boston Gas situation as well as to regulate in some manner the new Boston Consolidated Gas Companies, were considered today before the legislative committee on public lighting. The hearing room was crowded with interested persons. The Consolidated company was represented by President Richards and Attorney F. E. Snow. Attorney J. T. Auerbach who has been arguing recently in favor of 80 cent gas for Boston characterized the act of 1903 by which the new gas company was consolidated as "vicious legislation." He declared that the gas companies already were capitalized for $3,500,000 and owed $5,000,000 and charged that some of its debts had never been approved by the gas commissioners. He claimed that the gas company had no sympathy with the public and had shown bias.

Among the bills considered, was one introduced by Representative Coulthurst. It calls for many changes in the present consolidation act chiefly the elimination of the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company from the combine. Mr. Coulthurst's address in behalf of the bill was largely an attack upon the gas commission.

MINERS STRIKE

THEY DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE DRIVERS.

HAZELTON, Pa., Feb. 21.—Three hundred miners employed at the Drifton colliery of Coxe Bros. & Co., went on strike today in support of the drivers who quit yesterday because of the suspension of two helpers.

HALL CROWDED

AMERICAN REVIVALISTS GREETED IN LONDON.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Reuben A. Torrey and Charles M. Alexander, the American revivalists, held their first meeting for city men at the Cannon street hotel this afternoon. Mr. Tritton, M. P., of the London City Mission committee, presided. The audience was largely composed of members of the stock exchange and bankers. The hall was filled and hundreds were turned away.

PRAYEY SERVICE

WILL BE HELD FOR PRESIDENT HARPER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—President W. R. Harper has begun to fast preparatory to a surgical operation to be performed tomorrow at the Presbyterian hospital. Tomorrow morning a mass meeting of students and professors will be held in the university chapels for prayer service for President Harper.

FORTUNE TELLERS

OPPOSED TO BILL THAT REQUIRES LICENSE FEE.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Several hundred clairvoyants, mediums, palmists, astrologists and fortune tellers assembled at the state house today to oppose a bill which proposes the licensing of all such persons and the payment of an annual fee of $50. The feature of the hearing, which was held before the committee of probate and chancery, was that no one appeared to favor the measure, not even the petitioner, Nelson E. Forrest. The bill was opposed particularly by John F. Simmonds, representing the National Association of Spiritualists.

A son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cluff, 93 Boynton street. Mr. Cluff is a well known baker of this city.

FREEZING TO DEATH

Farmer Whipple Found by His Sons in Woods

Doctors Were Unable to Restore Consciousness and He Died Soon After

Henry J. Whipple, a farmer residing on the Lowell road, near the Tyngsboro line, died yesterday at his home as the result of exposure while at work in the woods on Saturday.

Whipple had been at work chopping in the woods near the state line and had with him a horse and sled on which he was piling the wood preparatory to taking it home to use for fuel. He worked all during the morning and at noon went home to dinner and returned to his work stating, before he left the house, that he would be back at four o'clock. When he did not return at the appointed time however, his family did not think anything was wrong, but when he was not home at six o'clock Mr. Whipple's two sons, Harry and Dan, the oldest being about 16, started down to the wood lot to find him.

The boys upon reaching the place found their father lying in the snow unconscious and while the boys could feel that his heart was beating, they were unable to arouse him although they worked over him for some time, chafing his chilled hands and feet. The night was bitterly cold and the temperature was fast lowering.

The sled which Mr. Whipple had brought to haul his wood on stood nearby and was about one-third loaded. Finding that they could not resuscitate him, the boys hastily threw off what wood there was on the sled and prepared a couch for the unconscious man on the sled frame. Then they drove home with him as rapidly as the horse could carry them.

Mrs. Whipple was nearly prostrated when she saw her husband being brought home on the bottom of the sled, thinking that he had met with an accident and died. A messenger was despatched for a physician and Dr. Harlow of Tyngsboro was soon on the scene. Finding the case to be of a very serious nature he called for Dr. A. S. Wallace and the two physicians did their utmost to revive the man, but their efforts were unavailing. He had been slowly freezing to death when found and the shock to his system, together with his illness, proved fatal. He lingered through the night but passed away without recovering consciousness.

Mr. Whipple was about 45 years of age and besides his wife, he leaves two sons and two daughters.

FUNERALS

THURSTON—The funeral of Joseph W. Thurston took place yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, 9 Leverett street. Undertaker Davey had charge of the arrangements. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery.

McGARRIGAN—The funeral of Jas. McGarrigan took place from his late home, 7 rear of 236 Suffolk street, yesterday afternoon. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Fr. James A. Walsh read the committal prayers at the grave. The bearers were James H. Whelton, John O'Keefe, Owen Hallowin, Patrick Gallagher, James McCabe, Frank McGarrigan. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker C. H. Molloy & Co.

VASSILOPOULOS—The funeral of Nicholas Vassilopoulos, who died Saturday at the Lowell hospital, was held yesterday afternoon from the Greek church, where funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Joachim Georgios. Burial was in the Edson cemetery and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BELLEROSE—The funeral of Mrs. Olivine Bellerose, wife of David Bellerose, took place yesterday from her home in Chelmsford. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church, and Rev. Fr. Brullard, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Joseph Loiselle, Joseph L'Heureux, Philippe Audette and Pierre Tremblay. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BERTRAND—The funeral of the late George Bertrand took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Undertaker Albert's warerooms, Cheever street. The bearers were Wilfrod Bouthillette, Joseph Therinult, Omer Dezief and Wilfrid Jean. A large wreath of roses, from the employes of the Savoy hotel, where the deceased was employed, was among the floral tributes. Deceased's brothers, Paul E. Bertrand of Providence and Ernest Bertrand of Fall River were present at the funeral. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

MONAHAN—The funeral of the late Owen Monahan will take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. J. Cox, and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church at ten o'clock.

ROURKE—The funeral of the late John F. Rourke will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Burns. A high mass of requiem will be celebrated at nine o'clock at the Sacred Heart church.

DEATHS

CAREY—Frank P. Carey, well known and very popular throughout the city, passed away last night at nine o'clock at the home of his brother, Michael Carey, 121 Lawrence street. Deceased was 34 years of age and for a number of years was employed in the stock room of The Sun Job Print department. During late years he has been employed as a micologist at the Harvard. He is survived by one brother, Michael.

ROURKE—John F. Rourke, for several years a cab driver in the city, died last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Burns, at 43 Wamesit street. He was 32 years old. He also leaves a mother and one brother, Henry.

MONAHAN—Owen Monahan died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. W. Cox, 32 Brooks street. He leaves besides his daughter, seven sons, John, Martin, Dominick, Owen, Patrick and Stephen, all of Lowell, and Thomas of New York. He has been a devout member of St. Patrick's church.

FEYLER—Frank F. Feyler, aged 47 years, died at his home, 71 Worthen street, on Saturday. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a mother, two sisters and two daughters. The remains were forwarded to Waldoboro, Me., for burial.

HARBOR TIED UP.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—The harbor tie up is more general today. Only a few stevedores are working. Strenuous efforts are being made to re-organize the union.

THE BEEF TRUST

Witnesses Have Been Summoned to Court

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A special federal grand jury venire was ordered today and ten deputy United States marshals were sent out with subpoenas for witnesses against the members of the so-called "beef trust". The men summoned will be taken before the grand jury and an attempt will be made to indict persons restrained by Judge Grosscup's beef trust decision, which recently was sustained by the United States supreme court.

PIERCE IS DEAD

Well Known Inventor Shot Himself

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 21—James Pierce an inventor and formerly socialist candidate for governor is dead at his home here as the result of a bullet wound inflicted with suicidal intent. Pierce had been ill with lung trouble for a long time. The serious condition of his health is regarded as the cause of the act. He was the inventor of a tool sharpening machine which performed the work of a dozen sharpeners at the granite quarries. Pierce was 45 years of age and is survived by a widow, two sons and two daughters.

FREIGHT HELD UP

125,000 CARS BLOCKED ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW STORM.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Railroad officials estimate that 125,000 cars of freight are tied up on railroads east and west of here, owing to the recent heavy snowstorm. Of this number 75,000 cars are said to be side-tracked on eastern roads and 50,000 cars on roads west of Chicago.

It will require 10 days or more to move this accumulation of freight to its destination and it is probable that the loss in perishable stuff will be very heavy.

BRITISH STEAMER

DECIDED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO RUN JAPANESE BLOCKADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The British steamer Brinkburn which left here recently with a large cargo of supplies for Vladivostok has returned to port, having received orders at Victoria, B. C., that she should not attempt to run the Japanese blockade. The cargo will be discharged.

EARL SOUTHESK

JAMES CARNEGIE DIED IN LONDON TODAY.

LONDON, Feb. 21—The Earl of Southesk (James Carnegie) died this afternoon. He was born in 1827.

FIREMEN KILLED

SNOW PLOUGH AND LOCOMOTIVE WERE DERAILED.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., Feb. 21—A snow plough and locomotive on the Inter Colonial R. R. at Tracadie was derailed today and James Summers of Sand Point, fireman, was killed. The damage to the engine and plough was not heavy.

PASSENGERS WERE STALLED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21.—A number of passengers bound for Sydney who have been stalled at Truro several days on account of the snow blockade arrived in this city today. The Cape Breton lines are still more or less handicapped and it has been decided to send the passengers to Sydney on the steamer Bonavista.

PANIC STRICKEN

Town is in a State of Terror

BAKU, Caucasia, Feb. 21.—The town is panic stricken, the banks are closed and business is suspended, as a result of yesterday's disturbances and the numerous attacks of armed Mussulmen on Armenians which have been going on since Sunday in various quarters of Baku. The attacks are attributed to racial enmity.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

CITY HALL, BANKS AND SALOONS WILL CLOSE.

Tomorrow being a holiday city hall, with the exception of the board of health office, will be closed all day. The licensed saloons of the city will also be closed. The banks will also close.

GRAND DUKE PAUL

READMITTED TO THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21—It is officially announced that Grand Duke Paul has been readmitted to the Russian army with his former rank of lieutenant general and aide de camp general.

ELECTED COMMODORE.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Feb. 21—H. H. Thomas of New York of the class of 1881 has been elected commodore of the Yale Corinthian Yacht Club. In view of the fact that a challenge has been received from Harvard for yacht races to be held just before or just after the crew races at New London a special effort will be made to enlist the interest of students having boats. If enough boats are entered a committee will be appointed and arrange for the races.

MRS. ASTOR SAILS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Mrs. J. J. Astor and Colonel Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia sailed for Europe today on the North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinzen Wilhelm.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	145¼
Am Sugar pfd	139
A & T	82½
A & T pfd	102⅞
B & O	106
B & O pfd	97½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	69¾
Chi & Gt W	24⅞
C M St & P	177⅞
C R & P	35
C R & P pfd	84⅛
Con Gas	205⅝
Del & Hud	163
Erie R R	45½
Erie 1st	80⅝
Gen Elec	187
Manhat Con	172
Mo Kan & Tex	32½
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	66
Met St Ry	121
Mis Pac	108¼
N Y Cen	148⅜
N Y Ont & W	65¼
Penn	140
People's Gas	107⅝
So Pac	69½
Reading	95⅝
Reading pfd	92
Reading 2d pfd	90½
Tex & Pac	38⅝
Union Pac	133¾
Union Pac pfd	101½
U S Steel	23¾
U S Steel pfd	95⅝
Wabash	22¾
Wabash pfd	46¾
W U Telegraph	93
U S Leather	12½
U S Leather pfd	105

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	7⅛
Amalgamated	77½
American Wool	24¾
American Wool pfd	98½
Am Tel & Tel	146⅝
Arcadia	1½
Atlantic	17½
Anaconda	25
Anaconda	108
Allouez	23
B & Maine	177
Bingham	33
Boston	7⅛
Calumet & Hecla	630
Centennial	21
Chicago Junction	73
Chicago Junction pfd	132
Copper Range	72
Dom Steel	18¾
Dom Coal	65¼
Dom Coal pfd	115
Daly-West	18
Elm River	3
Fitchburg	143½
Franklin	11¾
Granby	5¾
Greene	28½
Mass	12¾
Mass Gas	44¾
Mass Gas pfd	83
Mass Electric	13½
Mass Electric pfd	68
Mayflower	1
Mex Cen	22¾
Michigan	14½
M C & C	4½
Mohawk	53½
N E Tel	136
Osceola	94
N Y, N H & H R R	204½
Old Colony Mine	1¼
Old Colony R R	203
Old Dominion	27½
Shannon	8⅝
Royal	26¾
Rhode Island	2¼
Tamarack	134
Parrott	79¼
Quincy	112
Santa Fe	2¼
Trinity	11⅜
United States Oil	10
United States	25¼
Utah	42½
Victoria	5¾
Winona	13¾
Wolverine	118
Western Tel	21½
Western Tel pfd	103
West End	92
West End pfd	116
Wyandotte	2..

*Ex-Dividend.

MINERS ENTOMBED

More Than 100 Buried in Virginia Mines

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 21.—E. T. Schuler, one of the owners of the Virginia mines, where more than 100 miners were imprisoned yesterday afternoon by an explosion, was advised this morning that the rescuers were close to the entombed men and that one body has been found and removed. Schuler thinks there is a good chance for a number of the miners to be found alive, as he says the air shaft into the mine is working. The rescue parties worked all night and were augmented by miners from various mines in the district.

ONE BODY REMOVED

EXACT NUMBER OF MEN ENTOMBED IS 116.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 21.—Only one body has so far been taken from the Virginia mines. It is now said that the exact number of men entombed by the explosion is 116. Practically all hope of finding any of the imprisoned men alive has been abandoned.

The rescuers during the night encountered much after damp and many of them had to be taken to the surface and revived, having been overcome by the fumes. This leads the rescuers to believe that the entombed could not possibly have lived this long in their underground prison. Hundreds of miners gathered at the mine during the night to help in the rescue work, but only a limited number could be employed. However, as soon as one shaft was tired or overcome by after damp, another was ready to continue the work. State Mine Inspector J. M. Gray was on the scene all night, directing the work. The mine is some distance from the railroad and is reached only by wagon road.

GENERAL MILES

Will Not Reply to Mrs. Davis

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—General Nelson A. Miles said today that he did not intend to make any response to a letter which Mrs. Jefferson Davis recently made public in which she charges Gen. Miles with perpetrating cruelties on her husband at the time of the Civil war. General Miles declared that Mrs. Davis' letter was so offensive in its character as not to call for any reply from him. With reference to Mrs. Davis' demands that he produce a photographic copy of a letter which General Miles declared he had received from Mrs. Davis thanking him for his care of Mr. Davis as his prisoner, General Miles stated that he thought it entirely probable that he would make public a photographic reproduction which Mrs. Davis has called for.

THE OIL FIGHT

Has Broken Out in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Feb. 21—A resolution to investigate the methods of the Standard Oil Company was introduced in the house today. It declared the present house to be in hearty accord with the fight of the Kansas legislature for commercial freedom, and provides for the appointment of a committee of five to confer with the Kansas legislature.

GRAND MASTER

EXPECTS SETTLEMENT OF FIREMEN'S TROUBLE.

PEORIA, Ills., Feb. 21.—Grand Master Hannahan of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, left last night for New York to confer with the adjustment committee which has the matter of the threatened strike on the N. Y., N. H. & H. railway in hand. Mr. Hannahan said he was hopeful of an amicable settlement and did not think a strike necessary.

THE EVENING SCHOOLS

SESSIONS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

The evening elementary schools will close for the season on Friday night of this week after a well and regularly attended season. The evening high and drawing schools will remain open some time longer.

ON SCHEDULE TIME.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Warmer weather than has prevailed here for some time past rendered Narragansett Bay more easily navigable today than since early winter and a continuance of the thaw for a few days would bring about practically normal conditions as far as shipping is concerned. The ice commenced to go out in large quantities last night, and with the advent of the day the warm rays of the sun set free more ice, so that vessels had hardly any difficulty in going out or coming in from the sea. Bay steamers ran on their schedules and some of the oyster dredgers resumed work on the oyster beds.

SILVERBERG RELEASED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—The police authorities admitted in court today that they had no evidence against Harry Silverberg whom they had arrested on the technical charge of being a disorderly person. At their request Silverberg was discharged from custody. The police allege that Silverberg has called himself J. Coleman Drayton and J. C. Young.

WAS 101 YEARS OLD.

TRIMBELLE, Wis., Feb. 21.—Anthony Huddleson, aged 101, the first white settler in Pierce county, is dead at the home of his grandson near here. Mr. Huddleson was born in Virginia and was a direct descendant of the family of which Daniel Boone was a member.

HOLD-UP MAN

Captured by New York Police

IDENTIFIED AS ROBBER OF $5000 BROOCH

Anonymous Letter Led to the Capture

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Dynamite, a burglar's drill, a gold smelting plant, an opium smoking layout and a variety of stolen goods were found by the Alexander avenue police yesterday in the tenement where they arrested the hold-up man who early on Saturday morning tore Mrs. John W. Cornish's diamond brooch from her throat in the street near her home, at 722 East 135th street, shot at her husband and exchanged shots with a policeman. The prisoner's name is given as John Murphy, and a woman arrested with him calls herself Florence Murphy. They lived around the corner from the Cornishes, at 726 East 137th street. They were arrested early in the day, but the dynamite, which was in their coal bin, was not found until last night. Then the tenement house got into a panic.

An anonymous letter to Capt. Ward betrayed Murphy, and he was positively identified by Mr. and Mrs. E. Morais, who were out with the Cornishes on Friday evening, as the man who rode across town in a 125th street car with the party, eying Mrs. Cornish's diamonds, and who got off the car when they did. Capt. Ward would not show the letter yesterday, but he told the contents. It was written in a scrawling hand and said that the hold-up man was John Murphy of East 137th street. Ward started his detectives out in a house to house search. When they got to the tenement at 726 yesterday afternoon they found that a John Murphy and his wife lived there.

Capt. Ward set men to watch the house. They had a pretty good description of the men they were after both from the Cornishes and Morales, who had been out with Mr. and Mrs. Cornish on Friday night. After watching the tenement for several hours without seeing the man they were after go in or come out, it was decided to try and land him in the house. Detectives were sent to the roof and then Capt. Ward and Detective Buckridge knocked at the door of the Murphy flat, in the rear, one flight up.

The door was opened by a woman to whom Capt. Ward said that he wanted to see John Murphy. The woman said he wasn't in.

"Who are you?" she asked.

"We are railroad agents and we have a good business proposition to make to Mr. Murphy," was the reply of Ward.

"Well, he ain't in," said the woman, and slammed the door.

Ward told Detective Buckridge to go on downstairs and to make as much noise as possible doing it. The captain remained in a dark corner of the hall. In a minute the Murphy door was opened cautiously and a well built young man sneaked out and peered down the stairs. Before he could see Ward the captain had pounced on him and was yelling to the other policemen.

Although Murphy was taken by surprise he put up a stiff fight and the woman helped him. Even after several of Ward's men arrived Murphy struggled to get free. Buckridge finally drew his pistol and threatened to use it and that stopped the fight.

The police took a quick look around the flat, and after surveying the contents of the five rooms they knew they had made a good capture no matter whether their man was the highwayman or not. They were satisfied that they had either run into a fence or had come on a pair of clever crooks.

Murphy and his wife were bundled into the patrol wagon and taken to the Alexander avenue station. A messenger was sent after Mr. and Mrs. Cornish, but they were out. Then Mr. and Mrs. Morais were summoned. They both positively identified the man as the one they had seen in the surface car and had seen running from the policeman after he had shot at Cornish and the policeman.

EVERYBODY USES SPOONS

ONE DOZEN TIPPED SPOONS—TEA, TABLE OR DESSERT—GIVEN AWAY WITH ONE POUND OF TEA.

227 Central St.

O'Brien Bros TEA DEALERS

227 Central St.

WONDERS BEATEN

The Connemaras Defeated Welch's Men

MARVELLOUS ROLLING OF ARTHUR HOUSTON

Other Notable Events on the Alleys

The weekly battle between the Connemaras and the Wonders took place last night on Les Miserables alleys and the followers of Sergt. Connors after losing the last three games demonstrated to the Wonders or Wanderers, as they are sometimes called, that they were still in the running and had the goods to deliver when they wished to do so. The score at the end of the third string was 2217 to 2656, the Connemaras winning by 61 pins.

By winning last night's game the Wonders would have tied the series and the members of Deputy Welch's team tried hard to land last night's game for it meant a great deal, but the Connemaras were out to make up for the loss of the last three games and worked like Trojans with the result that they are now two games to the good.

Many theories have been advanced as to how the Connemaras won the game, but it is doubtful if anyone has yet reached the right one. There are stories going the rounds of the different tallsmans used by the players, the style of shoes worn and some one said it was owing to the fact that Sergt. Connors kept his fingers crossed all night except when he was bowling and then Bart Ryan took the sergeant's seat and kept his fingers crossed until the latter finished bowling. Martin Conway, Jr., chief of police of Billerica, who is an ardent admirer of the Connemaras, however, may be able to tell how the Connemaras won the game. Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon Martin went through Merrimack square with a suspicious looking bundle under his arm. When hailed by the bowling writer of The Sun he refused to stop, continuing over East Merrimack street towards Les Miserables alleys. Several eye witnesses claim that he entered the private alleys and stayed there for several hours. While no one seems to know what he was doing over there he no doubt had something in that box which charmed the alleys or else he spent the several hours in drawing maps of the different lucky creases which he later furnished to the Connemaras.

At the end of the first string it looked as though it would be the Wonders again for the followers of the deputy were 51 pins ahead, but the Connemaras got up steam during the second period and when the smoke of the battle had cleared away the boards showed that the Connemaras had captured the string by 98 pins, putting them 47 pins in the lead. The third string was for blood and Martin Maher did all in his power to assist the Wonders in winning the string, but the other four members of the team could not stand the gaff and the Connemaras won the string by 21 pins.

Sergt. Connors, who issued a standing challenge to meet any member of the Wonders in a private contest, was high man of the evening having a three string total of 467. He rolled steady from the start there being but a variance of ten pins in his three strings. Martin Maher, of the Wonders, was the next man, his triple amounting to 451. Deputy Welch and Dave Donaldson of the Wonders were away off color last night as was McKay of the Connemaras. The story of the battle condensed is as follows:

CONNEMARAS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Connors	155	151	161	467
McKay	92	167	119	378
Ryan	139	116	167	422
Duncan	158	173	99	430
Peters	137	159	131	450
Total	681	766	680	2117

WONDERS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Welch	130	168	119	347
Atkinson	150	125	128	422
Burne	152	165	124	441
Donaldson	151	117	124	392
Maher	150	143	161	451
Total	732	658	656	2056

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB.

Team three defeated team eight in a close and interesting game on the Highland club alleys last night, the game being one of the regular tournament games. When the last ball was rolled down the alley it was found that team three had won out by the narrow margin of six pins.

"Billy" Meloy was the star bowler of the evening, putting up a single string of 185 and a triple of 523, but the other members of the team were all over 100 pins behind him. Eaton, of the winning team, carried off the honors for his side, with a three string total of 470.

The defeated team won the first string by nine pins, but the second string was lost by 26, leaving team three 17 pins in the lead. The members of team eight, however, spruced up in the last string, winning it by 11 pins, and losing the game by six. The score:

TEAM 3.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Wing	149	151	151	451
McCurdy	144	122	171	437
Griffin	157	146	125	428
Willey	113	128	144	385
Eaton	168	169	133	470
Totals	731	716	724	2171

TEAM 8.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Shay	147	109	157	413
Green	151	127	143	421
*Lavery	130	130	130	390
Meloy	174	185	164	523
Mitchell	138	139	141	418
Totals	740	690	735	2165

*Absent.

This evening Teams Two and Six of the big pin tournament, and Teams D and G of the candlepin tournament are scheduled to bowl.

TOPSIES HAD AN EASY TIME.

A quintet of bowlers called the Topsies defeated a team representing the Baker Print at the Bowlaway alleys last night. At no stage of the game were the printers in the running, the final score being 1229 to 1165 in favor of the Topsies. The score:

BAKER PRINT.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Patnaude	72	54	76	202
Campbell	68	84	89	241
O'Hearn	66	83	71	222
Fielding	79	60	62	[illegible]
Pendergast	80	80	72	232
Totals	355	401	[illegible]	1165

TOPSIES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
T. McGee	87	88	81	251
Richards	79	81	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lawn	86	80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jere McGee	82	70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ordway	78	81	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	412	418	[illegible]	1229

ROYAL ARCANUM LEAGUE.

North Billerica council of the Royal Arcanum league defeated Rochambeau council on the Bowlaway alleys last night, the score being 1303 to 1241. Sheridan of the winning team was high man. The score:

NORTH BILLERICA.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Sheridan	94	93	165	[illegible]
O'Brien	87	83	56	[illegible]
Conley	76	75	96	[illegible]
McMullin	91	90	103	[illegible]
Costello	89	89	77	255
Totals	423	420	[illegible]	1303

ROCHAMBEAU.

	1	2	3	T'tl
W. Caisse	101	85	86	267
Caisse	75	77	86	238
Mongrain	67	77	87	231
Audette	89	89	89	267
Lebrun	73	87	81	241
Totals	405	410	423	1241

BROWNIES WON.

The Brownies defeated the Bowlaways by 35 pins on the Bowlaway alleys last night. Dickey of the losing team was high man with a three string total of 288, while Kelley and Dwyer of the winning team had totals of 287 and 286 respectively. The score:

BROWNIES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Kelley	116	79	93	287
Dwyer	92	99	95	286
Fullerton	99	94	80	273
Moran	81	78	92	251
King	75	104	76	254
Totals	462	453	436	1351

BOWLAWAYS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Carr	81	81	82	247
Cashin	55	89	97	261
Grindle	92	93	93	278
Hall	80	77	85	242
Dickey	95	87	106	288
Totals	436	418	462	1316

SILVER LEAFS WON.

The Silver Leafs defeated the Favorites by the narrow margin of six pins on the alleys last night. The score:

SILVER LEAF.

	1	2	3	T'tl
McCloskey	90	72	77	239
J. Moran	76	82	89	247
Mansean	82	71	75	228
W. Moran	83	73	78	231
Roche	80	81	75	230
Total	411	382	394	1187

FAVORITES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
T. Doyle	80	67	76	221
Cote	80	86	82	248
Fee	82	99	80	261
Corey	77	67	81	225
A. Doyle	78	76	70	224
Total	397	395	389	1181

PRINT WORKS LEAGUE.

Team four of the Print Works league defeated team two on the alleys last night by a score of 1296 to 1223. Henderson of the winning team carried off the honors of the evening. The score:

TEAM FOUR.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Farrell	95	89	84	268
Barnes	95	79	80	251
Higgins	71	101	93	265
Armistead	79	75	77	221
Henderson	80	99	106	285
Totals	423	447	440	1296

TEAM TWO.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Simson	83	79	92	254
McDonald	78	77	71	226
Marsden	78	80	99	257
Clayton	79	78	71	228
Simson	80	80	98	258
Totals	399	396	431	1223

HOUSTON'S RECORD.

Arthur Houston, one of the star bowlers of the Bowlaway team made several records on the Bowlaway alleys yesterday afternoon, one of which will stand for quite a while without being broken. The record which is liable to stand for a while is his single string of 246 made yesterday. A special prize is offered at the Bowlaway every day for the bowler who makes the highest single string using the big pins and it was while going after this prize that he managed to break the record of the alleys. His other record was the three string total of 605.

Houston's first string netted him 187, his second 246, and the third 172 making a total of 605.

In rolling his record string of 246 Houston made eight strikes, one spare and one box netted him but nine pins. In the first box he made a spare, while the next three boxes were strikes, the fifth box he got but nine pins, while the next five boxes were strikes, and on the roll off he made a spare.

BASE BALL

The schedule committee of the New England league will report to a meeting of the league next week and once the schedule is out Mr. Mack will decide upon the grounds for the coming season. He has been made a good offer by the Fair grounds owners and has it under consideration. They will turn the place into a regular baseball park, removing the fences, judges' stand, etc., if Mr. Mack will take the place. If he should take it the diamond will be moved farther up than formerly, thus affording the use of the entire grand stand.

On the other hand, Spalding park offers the advantage of a quick and beautiful ride to and fro, and it is ready for use at moment's notice. Mr. Mack doesn't take very kindly, however, to the idea of paying a license fee in order to play and it does look as though the selectmen were playing hog, for they tax both the owner of the grounds and the tenant.

With Calhoun and Connaughton gone with Hamilton there is a big gap to be filled in the Haverhill ball team. Hamilton certainly knew which players to steal when he was about it.

HOLIDAY FOR PUPILS.

There will be no session of the schools of the city tomorrow, Washington's birthday.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

Fewer gallons; takes less of Devoe Lead and Zinc than mixed paints. Wears longer; twice as long as lead and oil.

VETERANS' BILL

House Stands Firm on Taxation Measure

GENERAL MILES FAVORED THE BILL

Committee Reports in the Senate

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The lower branch of the state legislature yesterday reaffirmed and emphasized its stand taken last week in favor of the bill of Representative Weeks of Everett exempting from taxation the property of veterans who have become physically incapacitated.

On Thursday last Mr. Weeks had this bill substituted for an adverse report of the committee on taxation. Yesterday question came on ordering it to a third reading. By practically a two to one vote the bill was finally ordered to a third reading on roll call.

When the bill was taken up yesterday Mr. Peabody of Cambridge opposed it, claiming that the house had been stampeded by "oratory" last week in favor of the measure.

Mr. Peabody argued that there was now sufficient law on the statute books to give all just exemption, and further that the commonwealth had amply remembered the veterans and needed no one to remind her of a duty.

Mr. Schofield of Ipswich said no reason had been advanced why the house should reverse its action of last week. He contended that if the present exemption law was just, its extension to any incapacitated veteran would be as just, and if not extended would be an unfair discrimination. He intimated that Gov. Bates' veto of the bounty bill assisted in his defeat.

Mr. Ward of Buckland spoke in opposition, claiming the proposed law would impose an additional burden on small towns, and urged that if more relief be needed it should come through an increase of state aid.

Mr. Weeks of Everett spoke in defence of his bill, asserting that assessors in many cases would not abate the taxes of incapacitated veterans without the passage of the proposed amendment.

Mr. Selberlich of Boston said no Grand Army post had asked for the legislation and that its advocates were swayed wholly by sentiment.

Mr. Schofield read a letter from Gen. Nelson A. Miles in support of the bill, and he said ex-Gov. Bates also favored the bill.

By a vote of 76 to 60 the house ordered the bill to a third reading. Mr. Peabody of Cambridge asked for a roll-call, which was ordered. This resulted in a vote of 114 yeas to 62 nays, and the bill was passed to a third reading.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. Sennott of Cambridge moved to substitute for the adverse report of the committee on insurance his petition to require that insurance companies shall pay the full value of a life policy if death occurs before the expiration of a year, if there have been no defaults. The bill refers to industrial and prudential companies. Mr. Walker of Waltham, in opposition, said such a law would put a premium on fraud. The house refused to substitute by a vote of 21 to 49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The special committee on rules reported some changes.

The committee on constitutional amendments have reported adversely on the petition of Mary A. Livermore and others to have the word "male" stricken from the qualification of voters.

Mr. Wheatly of Abington introduced the petition of the state board of health to have the penalty for the adulteration of food changed from $100 to $500 to $25 and $100. The board states that in the revision of the laws the fines were placed at the former figures, which the board declares to have been an error, and further states that the courts refuse to impose the penalty and that cases are therefore placed on file, after the payment of costs.

The committee on federal relations reported a resolve in favor of the passage of a bill by congress consolidating third and fourth class postage rates. The same committee voted leave to withdraw on a petition for a resolve memorializing congress for federal supervision of insurance companies; also against a resolve for a national investigation of the parasites of the gypsy moth.

Representatives Hayes made and withdrew a motion to reconsider the rejection of the bill relative to druggists' licenses. He referred to statements in the press that druggists in Malden were violating the law in the sale of liquor. Though he withdrew his motion to reconsider he intimated that some action would be later suggested to the house.

IN THE SENATE.

The state senate had little to do except receive committee reports.

Federal relations reported resolutions on petition of Leontine Lincoln of Fall River and others, memorializing congress in favor of the establishment of a national colony for lepers.

The committee on banks and banking gave leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel T. O'Connell for an act to provide that depositors shall have a voice in the election of some of the trustees of savings banks, Mr. Creed of Boston dissenting from the adverse report.

The rules were suspended to permit the engrossment without delay of the bill to permit the opening of the polls in towns as early as 5.45 a. m.

A WHISTLER EXHIBITION.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The international society of sculptors, painters and gravers, which will open a Whistler exhibition on their gallery tomorrow (Washington's birthday), gave a dinner last night at which ardent admirers of the great American artist from the continent as well as all parts of Great Britain, were present to pay their tribute. August E. Rodin, the celebrated French sculptor, presided, and the guests included the Earl of Lyttelton, Lord Windsor, Lord Donoughmore, the Marquise of Tullibardine, John S. Sargent, J. L. Avery, Leonce Benedite, director of the Luxembourg conservatory, Paris; Ambassador Choate and John R. Carter, secretary of the American embassy.

RUNAWAY BOY

Arrested and Sent Home to Lynn

Stirred by the desire for travel and having expressed himself as dissatisfied with conditions in Lynn, Johnny Flynn, 12, left the Shoe City yesterday at noon bound for Nashua. He didn't get any further than Lowell because of the flatness of his pocketbook.

He arrived here on the five o'clock train from Boston and loitered about the railroad station until the suspicions of the station hands were aroused and after Johnny had been put through a mill of questions he was sent to the police station where he had the pleasure of shaking hands with Capt. Kew.

He told the captain that he belonged in Nashua but the captain, having been deceived many times by small boys, refused to believe Johnny and the latter after a rapid fire of questions from the captain admitted that his home was in Lynn. He reeled off the names of a number of the Lynn officers and proved beyond a doubt that he was familiar with every foot of land in that city.

Capt. Kew communicated with Johnny's father and the latter said it was Johnny's third offence along the same line within a month. His father asked Captain Kew to put the boy on the 9.30 train for Boston and he said he would meet him there.

The Etude club held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon in the vestry of the Grace Universalist church. The following program was carried out: Piano solos, Frank Hall, Gussie Horne, Vernon Greene; reading, Cedric Coram; duet, Laura Murphy and Mildred Hall; reading, Carl Rogers; piano solo, Laura Murphy; song, Etta Phillips; piano solo, Harriet Mansur. The leader of the meeting was Beulah Sturtevant.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.35, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, a12.50, 1.44, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.43, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.45, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.20, w9.35, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m. Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.02 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *8.10 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec via Plymouth and C. P. R., *10.39 a. m.; *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:

a Via Wakefield Junction.

* Express. b Daily.

q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

w Via Western Division.

x Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

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JOHN B. MORAN

MAKES CHARGE AGAINST CHAIRMAN OF GAS COMMISSION.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—John B. Moran yesterday addressed a letter to Governor Douglas preferring charges against Chairman Forrest E. Barker of the board of gas and electric light commissioners, and calling for his removal.

The charges in brief are that the act of 1903, known as the consolidation act, was in substance prepared by Barker after consultation with persons representing the interests of the various gas companies; that the gas consolidation was so adverse to the interests of the gas consumers that the governor of the state in 1901 refused to approve it; that the act, as drafted by Barker and enacted as a law, was a stock-watering scheme injurious to the interests of gas consumers and beneficial only to the gas companies; that Barker as a member of the board agreed to assist in securing legislation to bring about the consolidation; that Barker at the time he drew up the act and presented it knew that the words "fair value" had never been legally defined, that while presiding at the hearings held recently for the purpose of authorizing issue of capital stock of the Consolidated Gas company Barker indicated by his rulings and language that he did not know what construction the present board would place upon these words; that Barker received from the gas companies privately eight volumes of schedules of property which have not been presented at any public hearing; that the hearings have been conducted in gross violation of all rules of evidence.

For these and many other reasons Mr. Moran declares that Parker "is an unfit person to be a member of the board; that the public has lost confidence in him and that public interests are not subserved by his continuance as a member of said board."

ANNIVERSARY REQUIEM MASS.

At St. Patrick's church tomorrow morning Rev. James A. Walsh, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will celebrate a requiem mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members of that organization.

SPECIAL NOTICES

COMING EVENT—Feb. 22, "The Scot at Home and Abroad," lecturer, Mr. James P. Ramsay. Tickets free on application at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WALL PAPER of good quality and practical man to hang it, $2 per room (discount for quantities). T. H. Siddeley, 780 Gorham st.

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MR. EVANGELOS COSTAKIS, a grocer doing business at 63 Cheever street, started in business last October. Besides the Greek trade he has the trade of a large number of the French people, as they like very much the Oriental produce. In little Canada there are over 500 Greeks.

WM. E. RIGG—Piano and furniture moving, in or out of the city with care. Prices reasonable for good work. 65 Billerica st., Riverside Park. Sign on the barn.

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WANTED—A store centrally located, must be at least 50 ft. deep by 25 ft. wide. Address W. H. Ward, Sun Office.

WANTED—Everyone who has colds catarrh, asthma, bronchitis or any disease of the breathing organs to call at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and get free treatment of The National Vaporizer and Vapor-ol remedies. One month's medicine with every vaporizer sold, free during demonstration. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

PHYSICAL CULTURE lessons, private or classes for appointments. Address Instructor, Box 535, Lowell.

WANTED—Storekeepers and all users of awnings and signs to know now is the time to have them repaired and also place orders for new before the spring rush. Cross Awning & Sign Co., 209 Dutton st.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

REMOVAL—Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 82-83. Tel. 1114-3.

MANICURING PARLORS

Miss Elizabeth V. Reardon will be pleased to meet all her friends and customers at her new parlors in the Central block, where she will attend to their wants in all branches of face and massage treatment and manicuring and hair-dressing. Room 83, Central block, Central street. Take the elevator. Telephone 1114-3.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 20, 1905. The Committee on Liquor Laws will give a hearing to parties interested in the petition (with accompanying House bill, No. 191) of Elmer C. Potter for legislation to provide that cities and towns shall vote once in two years upon the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; and the petition (with accompanying House bill, No. 221) of George H. Bradley for legislation to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at room No. 441, State House, on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. D. W. LANE, Chairman. THOMAS L. DAVIS, Clerk of the Committee.

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WANTED—An experienced table girl at 226 Fletcher st.

WANTED—At once, cap spinners, steady work guaranteed. Transportation to and from Lowell. Apply at Brookside Worsted Mills, Brookside, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced chamber girl at 179 Middlesex st.

WANTED—A good washer woman for Mondays. Apply at 49 Liberty st.

WANTED—A middle aged woman for light housework and to mind children, 151 Railroad st., after 6 p. m.

WANTED—A table girl at 242 Moody st. None but experienced need apply.

WANTED—A young girl to help at housework and care of children. Apply X. Y. Z., Sun Office.

WANTED—A housekeeper in family of 3 small boys. Call after 7 o'clock in the evening at 30 Brooks st.

WANTED—An old lady to mind children. Inquire 30 Chestnut st.

LADIES—$25 thousand copying short letters at home. Material sent free everywhere. Send stamped addressed envelope for copy of letter and full particulars. Eastern Co., 817 Heed Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Men everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

LADIES—$7 to $10 weekly, earned doing plain sewing at home. Material sent free everywhere prepaid. Stamped addressed envelope brings particulars. Union Company, 1215 Filbert st., Philadelphia, Pa.

CIRCULAR and sample distributors wanted everywhere; permanent position; good pay. American Union, Pontiac Building, Chicago.

LADIES—Earn $20 per hundred writing short letters. Send stamped envelope. Best Mfg. Co., Valparaiso, Ind.

WANTED—A second hand portable oven cheap. Payable by instalments. John McIntosh, Baker, Lawrence.

LADIES—Earn $20 per hundred writing short letters. Send stamped envelope for particulars. Ideal Mfg. Co., Cassopolis, Mich.

WANTED—Two first class awning makers. Cross Sign and Awning Co., 209 Dutton st.

BOY WANTED—To take care of two horses and work in laundry office, must be honest and willing to work. References required as to honesty. Address 701 C, Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced girl who understands cooking for general housework in a boarding house at 432 Central st.

BARBER WANTED at Sun Building.

WANTED—Energetic man, each county, to post signs, advertise and distribute samples; salary, $18 weekly, $3 per day for expenses. Honesty and sobriety more essential than experience. National Co., 720 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—Salesmen and saleisladies to call on drug and grocery trade. $100 per month and expenses. Inclose stamped envelope for reply. Buffalo Chemical Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A locket between Donovan Bldg. and Jefferson st. Kindly return same to 59 Jefferson st. Reward.

LOST—Lady's diamond ring. Reward at 348 Stackpole st.

FOUND—A pocketbook. Owner can have by proving property and calling at 251 Lawrence st.

LOST—Saturday afternoon in Casto Theatre a small silver watch with blue chatelaine pin. Return to 56 Race st. and be rewarded.

FOUND—A lady's pocketbook on Agawam st. Owner can have by calling after 6 o'clock at 46 Crowley st. and paying for ad.

FOUND—On Agawam st. a lady's pocketbook containing a sum of money. Owner can have by calling after 6 p. m. at 46 Crowley st.

LOST—A horse blanket on First st. Saturday night. Reward at 13 Lakeview Ave.

FOUND—A pocketbook Sunday afternoon, on Gorham st. Owner can have by calling at 182 Gorham st. and proving property.

LOST—Sunday evening between Merrimack Square and Spaulding st. a lady's gold hunting case watch and sterling silver fob with monogram M. T. F. on case. Liberal reward by owner at 493 Moody st.

LOST—A French bull pup, 15 months old with "bat" ears. Reward at 335 Gorham street.

FOR SALE

PROOF that the words of the Executive Head of Lowell are true, viz: "Our city is a progressive one," is confirmed by the splendid investments in stores and property, that can be secured at Gordon's, 219 Central st. Office always open.

FOR SALE—In a Massachusetts town of 2500 inhabitants a store, prop. here there 15 years, selling on account of sickness; good stock consisting of dry groceries, men's furnishings, large stock of patent medicines, also tobacco and candy. Directly opposite a large school thereby making large candy trade; 3 minutes walk to B. & M. station, and only 10 miles from Lowell. Must be sold, sold cheap to right party. Call and see at once. F. L. Fletcher, Graniteville, Mass.

WE HAVE FOR SALE the best paying stores in Lowell, just the places for yourself, son or daughter. Do not buy or sell before consulting Gordon, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—$225 buys cigar store, $15 weekly profit; $400 buys finest variety store in city; $150 buys good paying fruit store; $700 buys store with tenement, rent guaranteed; $650 buys store, profit $18 weekly; $500 buys store or will sell at appraisal; $500 buys store, profits $25 weekly; $600 buys store, $20 profit weekly; $500 buys restaurant, profits $25 weekly; $450 buys lodging house, profit $50 monthly; $350 buys boarding and lodging house, $17 weekly profit. Our motto, "Every customer satisfied." Before buying or selling, always consult Gordon, 219 Central st. Office always open.

FOR SALE—An incubator holds 220 eggs, price $10. Apply 17 Sladen st., Navy Yard.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A breeding pen of choice barred Plymouth rock pullets and cockerels. E. Vincent, Amesbury st., Elsmere.

FOR SALE—Meat and provision store doing $175 a week, fine stock, old stand, $400 takes it. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Variety store, fine stock, cleared over $500 above all expenses last year. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, 9 rooms, near Merrimack sq., price this week $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Grocery store, established 20 years at appraisal. Here is a bargain. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Best located variety store on Central st., pool room and restaurant. Must be sold this month. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—The "Best" Light is a 100-candle power light costing only three cents per week, makes and burns its own gas, brighter than electricity, cheaper than kerosene, no smoke or smell, over 100 styles, lighted instantly with a match, every lamp warranted, exhibited and sold 52 Church st.

FOR SALE—A light grocery and candy store, also bakery goods, cheap if sold at once. Address C, Sun Office.

FOR SALE—New, traverse runner, suitable for grocerymen. Inquire at 37 Middle st.

FOR SALE—Cheap fuel. Otto Coke: lasts as long as coal and costs less. Stove size, $5.75 per ton; Egg size, $5.50 per ton. We also keep best grades of coal. Mail and telephone orders promptly attended to. Moore & Preston Coal Co. Telephone 1366-2.

MISCELLANEOUS

MADAME FORREST the renowned clairvoyant and life reader wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell. All who are in trouble or in want of information can consult her at 177 Middlesex st. up one flight. Card readings 25c. Walk in.

MIRACLE. The great German rust exterminator. Takes the rust off lawn mowers, cutlery. In fact everything without labor. Once used always used. For sale by all leading hardware houses. Price 25 cents. Hugo Hill, Manufacturer.

MOTHERS—Bent's destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair, harmless, 25c only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex st.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 200,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1121 Bridge street. Telephone.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

TO LET

TO LET—Desirable room, steam heat, bath and modern improvements, convenient, quiet. 26 W. Sixth st.

TO LET—Front rooms, also side rooms, steam heat, bath and gas. 69 Nichols st., off Westford st.

LOW PRICE tenement to rent on Waugh st., near the Normal school. Inquire at Morse's stable, 350 Middlesex st.

TO LET—A suite of rooms heated and first class order, also one single room, open fire place and heated, in the I. O. O. F. Temple, 84 Middlesex st. Inquire of the janitor.

TO LET—Nicely furnished front room bay window, heated, lighted, bath, telephone. 40 Second street.

TO LET—A warm cosy tenement of five rooms in Centralville, reduced to $6 per month. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Store 306 Merrimack st. possession given March 1st. Thomas G. Gerrish, 15 Gould Ave., Malden, Mass.

TO LET—Corner Windsor & Westford streets, two six room flats all hard wood floors; steam heat, continuous hot water and gas range furnished. All modern conveniences. Apply James H. Walker, 43 Fletcher street. Tel. 911-2.

SITUATIONS WANTED

AN EXPERIENCED NURSE wishes to go out nursing; continement cases are a specialty with her. Inquire at 22 Philipps st.

SITUATION WANTED—By a woman with child five years old to keep house for widower or a family of two, moderate wages, no washing. Address Mrs. Mary L. Fish, Box 113, Amesbury, Mass.

LADY WANTS to do kitchen work. Inquire 749 Middlesex st.

WANTED—To care for a child by day or week. Inquire at this office.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Talk Upon the Public School System

Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery, a member of the school board of Rochester, N. Y., addressed the Middlesex Women's Club yesterday afternoon on "Politics and the Public Schools." The address was a very interesting one but the attendance was below the average. She said that nine out of ten American cities have allowed the public schools and politics to form an alliance in which the schools get the worst of it every time.

"Alliance with the machine," she said, "came about very largely through our American habit of trust in certain institutions which we believed to be distinctly American. In our cities that have whole wards of Poles, Russians, Germans and French, we put this old, beautiful theory about representative government at work on the schools. Little by little, we simply turned over the schools to a group of men perhaps not one of whom had ever given one year of his life to studying educational questions. I have known boards of education where there were not two men, out of a board of 20, who had had even a grammar school education. Yet to them was committed the educational welfare of 20,000 or 30,000 children.

In Philadelphia today the care of the schools is divided between 529 people. There are ward boards and district boards, and a great big central board. There is a wheel within wheel, and no man or woman can tell who is responsible for a condition. Any sort of abuse grows up, and teachers and pupils suffer under the intolerable system. And all the while, the people of Philadelphia thought they were doing the right. American thing. The condition came by applying to the question of public education, the theory that was intended, in the first place, to fit the government of a state, or of a small portion of a state."

Speaking of a certain city Mrs. Montgomery said:

"There were 20 wards, and each ward sent a representative to the school board. The man who went on the school board took his first step in political preferment. The board was made up of a variety of elements, and there were always one or two men of fine character, who did their best, under evil conditions. The board was organized into committees, and in those committees log-rolling became the regular thing. 'You vote for Miss Brown and I will vote for Miss Jones,' was the customary exchange in the appointment of teachers. A man might be the chairman of a committee on text books, who had never in his life read through a United States history. Meanwhile, the teachers were not consulted at all, about the books that they preferred.

"The money for the schools came from the comon council, because in the minds of the citizens, the schools were a part of the city government. Now, the police department could make its demands, for money very strong, because those demands were brought to the daily consideration of men. The street department was sure of getting a hearing, because it had to do with voters. But the school department had only to do with some little children, who said nothing when they were poorly housed, who made no complaints when diphtheria took them off by the hundreds. The school teachers said nothing, because they did not dare. Fathers and mothers were too busy attending to other parts of the city, to notice that every time the school department was the easiest to cut down appropriations on. I think that is true of 20 out of 30 cities.

"This city grew. That is a fault that American cities have. Pretty soon there were not school buildings enough, nor money to build them rapidly enough. Finally, the children were crowded into poorly lighted and ventilated houses and halls rented for the purpose.

"At last the public conscience began to be aroused, and steps were taken which led to the reorganization of the school system. An organization of women formed a school committee, with one woman assigned as special visitor to each of the public schools. At the meetings, each of these 35 women was expected to report conditions as she found them. That committee of women became perfectly aglow, with the sense that something must be done.

"Meanwhile, a committee on civic art attacked the problem on another side. About the same time, the chamber of commerce appointed a committee of men of affairs, who voluntarily took upon themselves the work of visiting every school in the city and observing conditions. The school question became one of the burning questions of the city.

"This campaign of education extended over four or five years. As a result, a new school charter was secured, made up by a group of men who studied what was being done in the most progressive cities of the country. A school law was passed, which abolished the old ward board of 20 members, substituting for it a board elected at large, of five members. That board was made independent of the city government, in this way: The law provided that for every child enrolled in the schools, the common council must set aside $25 a year, as a minimum. If more than $25 per enrolled pupil was required, requisition was to be made on the council, which might grant or refuse it. That gave a school fund of about $700,000 a year, which was assured. The children were not going to be thrown down, to be pawed over by party politics. This law went on the theory, which has been proven in the courts, that the school board is not a local body. The highest courts in the country have sustained that principle over and over again, holding that education is a function of the state, that the local board is a part of the great state organism, and is not primarily, a definite local organization.

"The needs of the schools are: Buildings well ventilated, lighted, heated, properly seated, with toilet appliances that are decent, refined and cleanly; a course of study to be made for the child, not for the people who are teaching the child, following nature, not antagonizing nature, with practical touch on the needs of life today, and not made from our grandmother's spelling book; and teachers that are to be regarded and compensated as the best officers in the city. That day has not yet come in any city, but I hope it will come, when the people recognize that the woman or man who teaches little children is performing one of the highest functions in a civilized city; that they should be drawn from the best and strongest, should be thoroughly equipped and royally compensated.

"As soon as you touch the teaching force in any city, you begin to see how the patriotism of people is only skin deep; how the feeling prevails that the public schools are simply institutions for taking care of girls who cannot earn their living in any other way.

ALICE ROOSEVELT

IS GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is understood that Miss Alice Roosevelt will accompany Secretary and Mrs. Taft on their visit to the Philippines next July. It is probable that the trip will be made on the army transport Sumner and will occupy about three months.

EARL OF DUDLEY

Said to Have Resigned From Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Until after today's meeting of the cabinet probably nothing will be known definitely as to the outcome of the MacDonnell affair. Despite official denial there is a strong impression that the crisis will not end without some modification of the cabinet. Secretary Wyndham's speech is admitted by his own newspaper supporters this morning to have been rather a weak performance and throughout he appeared very uncomfortable, especially when Winston Churchill put to him the awkward question why, if Sir Anthony MacDonnell were reproved the victory occasioned reproof.

Lord Hugh Cecil to some extent saved the situation by following Mr. Wyndham with a witty speech frankly supporting the government, declaring home rule to be an dead as the dodo, and while advising Irish unionists to be patient, treating the whole matter as one of little consequence.

The prince of Wales was an interested listener to Mr. Wyndham's speech.

It is believed in many quarters that the Earl of Dudley's resignation as lord lieutenant of Ireland has merely been postponed, or that Premier Balfour has refused to accept it. Another rumor is that Foreign Minister Lansdowne has threatened to resign if the ministers make Sir Anthony MacDonnell a scapegoat.

According to the Times this morning the Earl of Dudley has tendered his resignation, and the cabinet has been summoned to consider the situation. The Times adds that it is the prevailing belief that MacDonnell's resignation will promptly follow.

WOMEN ESCAPED

ALMOST PENNED IN A BURNING BUILDING.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—A fire started from an overturned lamp in the dry goods store of John McWeeney, 332 and 334 Broadway, Chelsea, yesterday afternoon, and the blaze spread so rapidly that Mrs. McWeeney and her daughter Catherine had a very narrow escape. The loss will probably reach $3500.

The lamp was in the cashier's desk and was being used to supply heat. Blazing oil filled the office quickly and communicated with the stock. There were about 200 people in the store, attending a fire sale held in consequence of a small fire in the store last week.

All of the employes and customers got out without injury, though a small panic ensued. Joseph E. McWeeney was slightly burned in his efforts to get the money drawer from the flames, and his brother John was slightly burned about the face.

There are four apartments above the store. One of these is occupied by "Jimmy" Briggs, the fighter, and his family. Others are occupied by Mrs. Georgianna Sawyer, Charles E. Clark and Frank C. Farmer. These tenants suffered losses by smoke. Two elderly ladies were taken down the stairs by police officers in a state of collapse.

The loss on the building, owned by the heirs of John H. Wilkinson, is $1000, not insured. McWeeney's loss will be $2500, covered by insurance. George P. Grady, the proprietor of a billiard hall, lost $100 by smoke. He is insured.

BIG RAIL ORDER

GIVEN BY THE BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD.

The management of the Boston & Maine railroad has recently given an order to the Lackawanna Steel company for 25,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered during April, May and June.

CASTO THEATRE

If you are looking for an excellent two hours' show don't fail to visit the Casto theatre this week, for the current offering is one of the best that Manager Haynes has presented this season. It is headed by Wright Huntington and company in his best comedy entitled, "A Stolen Kiss." His latest comedy is the funniest he has ever presented, and it contains a well-defined, plausible plot and the story is concisely told and excellently carried out by the clever performers who assist Mr. Huntington in the fun-making. As the American naval officer Mr. Huntington is at his best, and his cool, unconcerned air and demeanor in what would be to most men embarrassing positions, is most enjoyable. As the fiery Italian, looking for a duel, Charles Abell is very good and deserves credit for his capable and artistic work. Miss Beruba Gilbert as Elita, the fiery Italian's sister, was pretty and graceful, and it was easy to see why the American fell in love with her. The Three Flood Brothers, acrobatic comedians, scored a decisive hit. They are very clever acrobats and their comedy work is excellent. The Globe Comedy Four and Wilson, a quintette of "colored comedians," were popular at once. Orietta and Taylor in their singing comedietta entitled "Looking for Miss Fortune" won deserved encores for their singing far surpasses any singing heard at the Casto this season. Lorraine and Gandy presented an offering which pleased all. Greve and Green are two musical comedians who present an act which is full of good laughs and that is what one wants after a hard day's toil. Edward Armstrong is a clever singing and talking comedian who has a budget of all new stories and parodies. Lewis and Delmore in their singing comedy were decided favorites, and their material is all new and funny. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 315-3.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Gaspard Michaud and Miss Emma Houle were united in marriage yesterday at a nuptial mass celebrated at 7 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I., was the celebrant of the mass and also performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome traveling gown of brown cloth, with mink hat and furs. She was attended by her father, Mr. Philias Houle. The groom's witness was his father, Mr. Edmond Michaud.

After a wedding breakfast served at the groom's home, 29 James street, the young couple left on a noon train for a brief wedding journey. On their return they will reside at 796 Merrimack street.

SERIES TO OPEN

Natick and Lowell Meet Tonight

A REGULAR "FEAST" FOR THE BETTORS

Wednesday Night Teams Meet in Lowell

The series between Lowell and Natick will begin tonight with the game at Natick. It will be about the "best thing" in the betting line that the followers of the game have had. Already many wagers have been placed on the result and the home team stands even with the Natick team in every bet. With Hough in the Natick lineup the Naticks would be strong favorites and in fact it is doubtful if much money would be wagered on the local team. Time and again Hough has been the means of defeating the Lowell team when victory seemed to be within its grasp, by his clever shooting. With him out of the game there is no doubt that the teams will line up very even. The tickets for the game were placed on sale Monday and already the demand for choice seats has been far ahead of the usual run. The home games will be played on Wednesday and Friday nights of this week, that is, in case a fourth game is necessary. The conditions call for three in five games and it is more than likely that not more than four will be necessary to decide the winner.

If Lowell wins tonight the team should be able to take the games in this city on Wednesday and Friday nights. With Natick winning tonight the visiting team should be able to capture at least one game in Lowell and the two on its own floor. The games will be worth seeing for aside from the rivalry between the players there is a personal desire on the part of Managers Gray and Petree of Natick to see their respective teams win.

One thing the spectators can rest assured of and that is that they will see the real article for the men on both teams are among the leading players of basketball in the country today. Haverhill will be represented at the game by the players of that team and some of the fans from the shoe city.

WILL NOT RESIGN

Earl of Dudley Makes a Statement

LONDON, Feb. 21—In reply to an inquiry, the Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland telegraphed from Dublin this morning as follows: "There is no truth in the report that I a mresigning."

FOUR FIRE ALARMS

Kept the Local Fire Department Busy

The members of the local fire department were kept rather busy yesterday afternoon and last night, four bell alarms having been pulled in for fires, none of which, however, were of a very dangerous character.

THAWING OUT PIPES.

The most serious blaze which occurred during the day was that which broke out in an abandoned carriage shed in the rear of James H. Lynch's boardinghouse at 213 Worthen street shortly before 5.30 o'clock. The shed is connected with the house in such a manner that there are two stories above the shed which are cut up into rooms. Yesterday Mr. Lynch found that one of the water pipes was frozen and as he had always thawed out the pipes himself he went to work at it.

He had not been on the job long before he noticed that the sparks were flying up through the partition and very soon a lively blaze broke out. Hurrying to the corner of Dutton and Market streets he pulled in an alarm from box 7. The department was soon on the scene and extinguished the fire about the room where it broke out, but it was only after considerable difficulty and tearing away of lathes and plastering that the fire was placed under control.

FIRE BROKE OUT AGAIN.

At seven o'clock last night another alarm was sent in from box 5, the fire at the Lynch house having broken out again. Undoubtedly a spark had found its way through the partitions after the firemen thought the blaze had been extinguished and owing to the draft kept smouldering and another fire started an hour after the department left.

On the second trip to this house, however, the firemen made sure that the fire would not break out anew for they tore away a good portion of the plastering and poured the contents of the chemical into the partitions.

INSIGNIFICANT BLAZE.

Shortly after midnight this morning the firemen were called out from their beds by an alarm from box 145 for a fire in a shed which adjoins E. A. Smith's barn in Smith avenue. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the damage was small.

GREASE GOT AFIRE.

Box 82, sent in yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, was for a slight blaze in a house in Chelmsford street, near the corner of Grand, belonging to Israel Manin.

A pan of grease on the kitchen stove caught afire and the flames communicated with some clothing hanging on lines close by. The department quenched the blaze before any great damage was done. F. C. Church held the insurance on the damaged property.

Fred C. Church had the insurance on E. A. and A. T. Smith's stable on Smith avenue and on the contents of the Louis Harris' house at 110 Chelmsford street.

SALOONS MUST CLOSE.

All the licensed saloons of the city are obliged by law to close tomorrow.

KNICKERBOCKERS

Athletic Club Held Fine Entertainment

THREE GOOD SPARRING BOUTS PRESENTED

Meeting Conducted on Strictly Legal Lines

The reorganized Knickerbocker club held a smoke talk and athletic entertainment in Associate hall last evening and about 100 members enjoyed a good program. The affair was conducted in strict accordance with the law governing boxing and the most searching critic could find no flaw in it. There was boxing by members who volunteered, the referee, Sammy Chisholm, volunteered from among the audience and several well known business men who sought admission were turned down at the door because they were not members. Before the program was presented Sec. John Sullivan read the following article from the by-laws of the club:

In sparring bouts before the club, nothing approaching brutality will be tolerated, and it will be the duty of the directors to see that nothing of this kind be tolerated at any exhibition held under the auspices of the club.

The final of the three bouts was of three rounds between Kid Flannery of this city and Young Mack of Haverhill. The bout was fast and scientific and Flannery had the advantage.

The second bout was between Billie Chisholm and Young Marshall. This pair went six rounds, and of course Chisholm who has forgotten none of his skill with the mitts had the better of the argument, but Marshall was decidedly willing to entertain and hence there were no idle moments.

The final bout was the best and was a six-round affair between the elongated Black Fitzsimmons and Arthur Nolan of Collinsville. This was interesting throughout though Fitz appeared to be holding back something. It was learned afterward, however, that he had a bad hand but rather than disappoint the members took a chance with it. The men were warmly applauded and the members voted the affair a delightful opening.

The attendance would have been larger but for the fact that a great many called too late with their applications. Only members were admitted, and the membership roll was closed at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The law would be violated by admitting anybody on paid ticket. Hence a large number who called about 8 o'clock were turned away.

CALLED A DRAW.

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—Rouse O'Brien of South Boston and Pinkey Evans of Yonkers, N. Y., went fifteen rounds to a draw before the Young Men's Social Athletic club last night.

BOXING GOSSIP

The Young Kenney-Charlie Forbes bout before the West End club of Lawrence Wednesday night ought to be a corker and quite a gathering undoubtedly will go down from Lowell. Forbes is a good little man despite the fact that he is not his brother, and so is Kenney. The latter is being kept busy by his new manager and is said to have several good bouts ahead.

KILLED RIVAL

TWO SUITORS MET IN GIRL'S HOUSE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 21.—A girl's attempt to prevent a tragedy by sending her sweetheart upstairs while she engaged the young man's rival in conversation at the door proved unavailing last night, when Charles Austin, 19 years old, shot and killed Chas. E. Anderson, 22 years old. Austin is in the Connellsville lockup. Both men were suitors for the hand of Miss Clara Neth, 17 years old.

Last night Austin, who was the favored suitor, was in the parlor with Miss Neth when Anderson called. Austin was persuaded by the girl to go upstairs for a few minutes, but when he heard Anderson angrily refuse to leave the house he came down stairs and shot and instantly killed his rival.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

COTTAGE $1200

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I had a bad case of La Grippe about ten years ago which left my Lungs so weak that I have been troubled more or less every winter since until I used FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR, which cured me completely and my Lungs no longer trouble me.—J. H. BROWNING, D.D.S., Orrick, Mo.

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THE SUN'S PLATFORM

FOR THE COOD OF LOWELL

1. ADOPT a new charter giving the mayor full power to appoint and remove at will, the heads of all city departments and members of all boards or commissions.

2. ABOLISH the common council and provide for a single legislative board of 27 aldermen, three from each ward.

3.—CREATE public boards to have charge of streets, buildings, police, fire, pauper and water departments.

4. ANNEX portions of Dracut and Tewksbury, including the "Navy Yard" and the Andover road as far as the Hood farm.

5. ABOLISH the Merrimack street station and the grade crossings at Market, Thorndike and Middlesex streets and extend the northern station to Thorndike street.

6. BUILD a public hall and market on the White lot in Merrimack Square.

Hereafter the Monroe doctrine will have a Rooseveltian corollary.

Mr. Dunbar seems to be steering the Boott right into the port of prosperity.

Carlisle is a hundred years old. Like Dracut, it is proud of its age, although it has not much to show for it.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius has struck terror to the heart of the Czar far more than did all the Japanese victories over Russian arms.

Everything looks encouraging for the new Boott mills. Mr. Dunbar has done well. His influence at the head of the company will be worth a great deal.

Men may be found to oppose the abolition of two grade crossings by abandoning the old depot but none that can offer any logical argument to sustain his position.

The trust abuses under which the people of this nation suffer can be overcome only by cutting down the tariff which gave the trusts a monopoly by shutting out all foreign competition.

The decrease in personal property during the past fifteen years as shown by the assessors' books goes to prove either that our citizens have understated the amount under oath or that they have lost heavily in stock speculation.

There was something novel in the circumstances connected with the murder on the Joy line steamer from New York to Providence. The motive was evidently robbery. The murderer had an excellent opportunity to put away all evidence that might connect him with the crime. Hereafter steamers of this kind will have to be more careful as other desperadoes are liable to copy this murder.

THE CZAR'S PLIGHT.

There is not much fun in being an emperor when one is shut up as in a prison and in mortal fear of death. Imagine what would happen the czar, if like President Roosevelt, he would take a ride in an open carriage through the most thickly populated district of a large city! Instead of huzzas the air would be rent with bomb explosions. It is time the czar came out with some concessions to his people. Absolutism is dead and it can never be resuscitated in Russia.

A MEASURE THAT WOULD DO HARM INSTEAD OF GOOD.

The bill to divide the money obtained for liquor licenses equally between the state and the county would be unjust. It would be little short of robbery for the cities and towns that have liquor licenses. The cities and towns that have no license would be the gainers by such a law. It is distinctly class legislation, and for that reason should not be favored even though it might be supposed to promote temperance. Were such a law put into effect the tendency in cities would be to vote no license and then ignore violations of the law. The proposed change would do harm instead of good.

FOR THE TEXTILE SCHOOL.

The petition of the Lowell Textile school for an appropriation from the state is before the legislature for action. The need of technical schools is so great that it is better to fix a permanent appropriation for this school without any conditions further than efficient service. When other countries are doing so much in this line it will not do for the United States to take any backward step and in the United States surely Massachusetts should lead in the textile arts. If textile schools are to be maintained anywhere it should be in this state and where in this state more fittingly than in the city of Lowell?

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RETRENCHMENT.

Some genius for grafting has discovered that there is great danger of a deadlock on the water board on account of its having four members and hence the proposition is made to increase the number to five. Bright idea!

Of course thus far there has been no trouble whatever as a result of an even number of members. But this grafting genius is afraid that some trouble may arise and hence he wants the membership increased. This of course would have the additional advantage of affording a place to somebody who needs the money. Is it not strange that nobody hit on the idea of reducing the number of members to three, which would overcome the danger of a deadlock as well as five. There is nothing to be done that cannot be done by three members as well as four. Besides, the members are paid and men can be found who will perform the duties equally well without pay. The same may be said of the police board. The park commission does its work effectively without any compensation. None of these commissions has any more to do than have the board of aldermen, who receive no pay. If we are to have economy, if we are to have retrenchment, let it be general.

SEEN AND HEARD

The steeple on St. Patrick's church is rapidly nearing completion. The frame is finished and the slaters have gone up about ten feet with their work.

Bowling, notwithstanding the predictions of the "wise" brethren who prophesied it sturdy demise and foretold the death of its popularity with the public, is at the present time the liveliest ghost in the sporting graveyard. All the fresh life found out of the game now and it has settled down to the business like aspect of a sport followed by experienced experts, with a fair proportion of new blood creeping in all the time.

Bart Byron, the star bowler of the police department, is the recipient of a handsome valentine, though strange to say he has shown it to but a few of his many friends. The valentine shows a strenuous bowler, stripped for action, in the act of bowling a 32-pound ball. With legs twisted and arms akimbo in order to strike the No. 1 pin and score a strike, the likeness is somewhat similar to the Connemara man. Despite the fact that the valentine is a fine piece of art, it retails for the cheap sum of one cent.

Greeks to the number of 150 a month land in New York. Many of them make their homes in Lowell.

In their own country Greeks have the reputation of being excellent politicians. Their Chamber of Deputies in Athens never lacks earnest and eloquent statesmen, and a frequent obstacle to the transaction of any business has been found in the propensity of the leaders of Greek factions to disputation.

Many of the Greeks are on the voting list and take some interest in politics.

Practically all the Greek immigrants arriving here are men and only a small fraction are less than 14 years of age. There are very few women.

The largest farm in the world, which until recently was in Missouri, has been extended into Iowa. It is owned by David Rankin and his son, W. F. Rankin, of Tarkio, Mo. The elder Rankin is worth $1,000,000, and has made it by farming.

He owns 23,000 acres in Atchison county, and, being still afflicted with the desire to own more land, had to reach into Fremont county, Ia., the other day, when he bought 2500 acres more. Rankin never sells. He is a cattle king, a corn king, a land king, a philanthropist, and a captain of industry. He employs about 200 persons, representing 1500 population.

Mike Larkin, the "ice man," is on his way to the Spindle city and is due to arrive here some time this week if the parlor cars are on time. He worked his way from Pennsylvania and on Sunday and yesterday hobnobbed with the residents of New Haven.

The following despatch from New Haven is self-explanatory:

Attired in a bathing suit, Michael J. Larkin, who hails from Lowell, Mass., dived off the steamboat dock through the ice in the harbor Sunday before a crowd of 2000 people with the temperature near zero. He came up with the water freezing on his hair and face and passed a hat through the crowd, collecting $10. Then he donned his clothes and started to tramp to New London.

Larkin declares that he has cured himself of consumption by following this treatment, and is now working his way home by performing his Arctic ablutions in public.

NEW CARDINALS

WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE NEXT CONSISTORY.

ROME, Feb. 21.—As there are nine vacancies at present in the Sacred college, Pope Pius X has expressed his intention to appoint new cardinals at the next consistory, the date of which has not yet been decided, as a great deal depends on negotiations now going on regarding the conferring of these offices. It is almost definitely decided to nominate for the first time a South American cardinal in the person of the archbishop of Rio De Janeiro, but as the appointment might receive a claim on the part of Argentina, and possibly on the part of Chile, also, for like honors, the vatican has informed all the South American republics that the distinction is being conferred, not on one special country, but on a deserving man. It is probable that cardinalates will be given to Hungarians and Italians, but none will go to Great Britain or the United States.

FOUND IN CELL

CONVICTS HAD OPERATED A COUNTERFEITING PLANT.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21.—A complete counterfeiting outfit was found yesterday in a cell at the state penitentiary. It was operated by convicts. With the find were a number of spurious coins, mostly ten and twenty-five cent pieces. The coins are perfect as to size, figures, milling and thickness, but are a little "greasy" and are lacking in weight.

CRIMINAL LIBEL

Haverhill Man Accuses Lawson's Critic

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Denis Donohoe, financial editor of the New York Commercial, who has been running a series of articles in a vein of attacking Thomas W. Lawson, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued upon complaint of Herbert Gray of Haverhill, Mass.

The complainant alleges that Donohoe made statements reflecting upon him, amounting to criminal libel, in his replies to Lawson's articles. Donohoe was paroled when arraigned in police court.

PUSH PROSECUTION

HERBERT GRAY DENIES THE CHARGES OF DONOHOE.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 21.—Herbert Gray of this city, who caused the arrest of Denis Donohoe of New York on a criminal libel charge, says he brought the action mainly to protect his children.

He claims the criminal libel consisted of a reference to him in a New York publication recently, the article having been written by Donohoe.

Gray intends to go to New York today to attend the hearing, he having furnished the evidence to Dist. Atty. Jerome against Donohoe and the publishers named with Donohoe in the warrant for criminal libel.

Mr. Gray, when seen last evening, said he took exceptions to the reference made in a recent article of Donohoe to him as "running a gambling house in Boston." Mr. Gray denies that he ever ran a gambling house, either in Boston or elsewhere. He says he did not enter Mr. Lawson's employ until more than 10 years after the date at which Donohoe quotes him as meeting Lawson. Mr. Gray has retained Hurlbut, Jones & Cabot of Boston as his counsel and proposes to press the case to the end.

The plaintiff is well known in this city, where he has lived nearly all of his life. He is as widely known among horsemen as any man in New England. He ran a sales stable in North Berwick, Me., 20 years ago, and for a long time handled blooded horses and had dealings throughout New England. Later he campaigned several good steppers about New England and on the grand circuit, and in 1899 he was employed by Mr. Lawson to take charge of his racing stable. He continued with Mr. Lawson several years, and last year was manager of the Granite State trotting park in Dover, N. H. At present he is engaged in horse dealing, but for the past few days has been confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

WEAVERS STRUCK

THEY OBJECT TO THE TEN LOOM SYSTEM.

FALL RIVER, Feb. 21.—About 200 weavers employed at the Barnard cotton mills struck yesterday as a protest against what they claim is an attempt on the part of the management to introduce the 10-loom system.

The strikers assert that they have been operating eight looms and that when they were requested to run ten no additional compensation was offered. President Nathaniel B. Borden of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' association is the agent of the Barnard mills.

The strikers held a meeting and appointed a committee of five, including Secretary James Whitehead of the Weavers' union, to interview Mr. Borden. There are about 350 weavers employed in the mills and about 200 who work in what is called the upper weave room are out.

The operatives in the other weave room of the plant remained at work. They say that no attempt has been made to introduce the 10-loom system in their department. The Barnard mills were involved in the general strike here.

The committee met Mr. Borden yesterday afternoon, and the conference lasted about an hour. At the conclusion it was announced that Mr. Borden had refused to make any concession, and remained firm in his determination to continue the 10-loom system.

WILL HUNT BEARS.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 21.—A message has been received here by Sloan Simpson of the Roosevelt Rough Riders, from President Roosevelt, saying that he will be here on the morning of March 30.

It is announced that the president, with Cecil A. Lyon, republican state chairman, Sloan Simpson, Secretary Loeb and one or two others, will go on a bear hunting trip in the Big Woods in East Texas, after the Rough Riders' reunion.

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BRIBERY CHARGE

Mayor Johnson Accuses Two Councilmen

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 21.—In the city council last night Mayor Tom L. Johnson directly charged Councilmen Dewar and Wilke, democrats, with having accepted bribes from the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company. At the same time Mayor Johnson charged that the votes of all the republican members of the city council had been influenced by contributions from that company to the last campaign fund of the republican organization and to the campaign expenses of the republican candidates for city council.

The charges are the outcome of Mayor Johnson's allegation of two weeks ago that the recent defeat of the ordinance to annex the village of South Brooklyn to the city of Cleveland had been brought about by undue influence. The council has adopted a resolution of investigation.

BILLERICA

GETTING READY FOR THE TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting of Billerica will be held on March 27th this year. Despite the fact that there is still over a month before the meeting town politics are beginning to grow rather warm. Just at present however but two new candidates have made known their intention of running for office, but others are expected to announce their candidacy at almost any time.

One of the features of the warrant for the meeting this year will be the article calling for an appropriation of the sum of $2500 for the purpose of defraying expenses for the quarter-millennial celebration of Billerica as a town.

The regular meeting of Billerica grange will be held Thursday evening, when papers on the subject "The Louisiana Purchase Exposition," will be read by Sidney A. Bull and Frank Alexander. There will be selections also by Mrs. Nellie S. Burton, Mrs. Anna B. Potter, and Miss F. Marion Button.

The Nineteen Hundred club meets with Mrs. Ellen B. Vining on Thursday afternoon. Quotations from Kingsley will be given by members. Papers will be read as follows: "The Ports," Mrs. Ada F. Harlow; "The Industrial Centers," Mrs. Emma Holden; "The Watering Places," Mrs. Hattie Holden.

Miss Lizzie L. McIntire, teacher in the Pollard school, who has been absent owing to sickness in her family, returned to her duties yesterday. During her absence her place has been filled by Miss Violet A. Twining, a student of class 1905, Lowell Normal school.

A Colonial party will be conducted at the Unitarian church tonight under the auspices of the Woman's Alliance. All who attend will appear in Colonial costumes. The entertainment will consist of the reading of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" by the Rev. Edgar S. Weirs, accompanied by the Richard Strauss music by Miss A. Amy Howes, and illustrated by tableaux. Vocal selections will be given by Miss Deloris Foster, accompanied by Miss Ella Relley.

A GOOD SERMON

AT EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT CHELMSFORD ST. CHURCH.

Rev. E. P. Moulton preached from John 3: 16, last evening at the revival service held in the Free Baptist church, corner Plain and Chelmsford streets. He said this was the most wonderful verse in the Bible, because it was the best expression of the love of God for humanity. He said in part: The love of God for sinners is most marvelous, and we can get a better conception of it by applying four measuring lines: First, by our conception of God Himself, omnipotent, infinite, and as He is, so He loves, like a God. Second, by the life and teachings of Jesus; His life was spent in blessing and ministry. Third, by the sacrifice that love made; love without sacrifice is good for nothing, powerless; the measure of our love is proved by the measure of our sacrifice. Fourth, God gave His son to die for us while we were yet sinners, His enemies, and thereby showed His great love. The reason there isn't more power in the church of today is because of selfishness. The sinner is obliged to accept or reject the love of God offered to him.

These meetings are gaining in interest and Mr. Moulton is an earnest speaker and his sermons are very eloquent. The services will continue each evening during the week, at 7.30.

FINED $10 EACH

MARCHERS WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Seven men who were accused of taking part in the march of 3,000 persons through the streets of the East Side on Sunday in a demonstration against the government of Russia, were fined $10 each by Magistrate Ommen in police court yesterday. They were charged with disorderly conduct. Albert Argentier, alleged leader of the procession, and two others were discovered to be Italians. Magistrate Ommen said:

"This sort of thing cannot be tolerated in this city. Serious trouble might have come from the foolishness of these men. If they must hold meetings why don't they orate for clean streets on the East Side. That might do more good than the senseless cries of "Down with the Czar" and not anywhere near as harmful."

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS INVITATION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—President Garner of the Jacksonville board of trade has returned from Washington where he went to invite President Roosevelt to visit Jacksonville. The president assured his acceptance of the invitation in a tour to include Richmond, Atlanta, Montgomery and possibly some other southern cities, but fixed no definite time for the visit.

CADETS WILL ATTEND BALL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The war department announced yesterday that the battalion of West Point cadets, which will come to Washington to participate in the inaugural parade, will attend the inaugural ball. The sale of tickets for the inaugural ball is entirely unprecedented.

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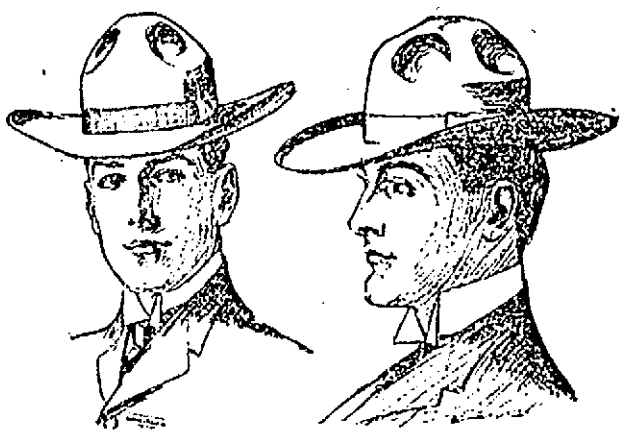

THE excellent sales of new hats the past few days show that a good many men are ready to make the change. The spring Derbies are decidedly smart in appearance; quite different from the hat you have been wearing and are here, ready for you. Make the change NOW, and get a whole season's wear out of your hat. Soft hats in spring shapes are ready with the Derbies. Either soft or stiff,

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CANADIAN SUED

By Alfred F. Titus of This City

Alfred F. Titus, residing at 248 Stevens street, this city, has entered suit against Senator Joseph Bolduc, of Sherbrooke, Que., for the recovery of $200 which he claims is owed him by the senator. J. P. Welles of the firm of Cate, Wells & White, of Sherbrooke, was in this city yesterday to take the depositions of witnesses before Lawyer J. H. Gallief, commissioner, to be used in the suit now pending in the superior court for the district of St. Francis, Que., in favor of Mr. Titus vs. Senator Joseph Bolduc et al.

The suit grew out of a business transaction which was effected by Mr. Titus for the senator and the former claims that he has not received the payment agreed upon.

Two years ago Mr. Titus found a purchaser for a large tract of pulp woodland owned by Senator Bolduc, at Bolduc Siding, near Sherbrooke. Sen. Bolduc agreed to pay Mr. Titus $400 if the Lowell man should sell his land for $40,000, it is alleged, which was done, the purchaser being the Champion International Company of Lawrence, who paid that amount for the land.

Now the Lowell man's contention is that the senator has fulfilled but half of his agreement, having paid him but $200 out of the $400.

Senator Bolduc's counsel is Brown & McDonald, of Sherbrooke. The case is soon to be tried, probably in the present session of the superior court.

The first anniversary of the inauguration of St. Louis' church will be observed tomorrow by a solemn high mass of thanksgiving to be sung at the church at nine o'clock. Rev. Fr. Lacroix, now pastor of Cochituate, who was the first curate of the St. Louis church, will deliver the sermon. A big banquet in honor of the occasion will be held at St. Louis' hall in the evening.

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REMOVAL

Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at the Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 52-53. Telephone 1114-3.

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ABOUT THAT NOTE

SOUTHBRIDGE THIEF CANNOT REALIZE UPON IT.

The note for $5000 that was stolen from Herman S. Cheney of Southbridge will not avail the thief anything. The note is against the Shaw Stocking company of this city and payment on it will be stopped unless it is presented by Mr. Cheney. The note is payable sometime in May.

OFFICERS' BALL.

The annual ball of the officers of the High School regiment will be held in Associate hall this evening.

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ROBBED BY THUGS

Brockton Man Held Up in Boston

HIGHWAYMEN GOT A ROLL OF $98

They Choked and Assaulted Him

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Charles E. Reed, a shoemaker living at 99 North Main street, Brockton, was last evening held up, choked and robbed of $98, at the corner of Chardon and Bowker streets, by four men, one colored and three white.

While the attitude of the men, Reed said, was threatening and while he was held by the throat so that he could not cry out, the men were not particularly rough with him, and he was able to walk to the Joy street station and report his loss.

Reed had just arrived at the North station from Concord, N. H., and having a few extra minutes before catching his train for home at the South station he thought that he would go over to the West End to call on a friend. As he passed through the North station the thought occurred to him that he had nearly $100 loose in his pocket, and as that was a rather dangerous method of carrying money, especially among some of the people met with in the West End he thought he'd make more careful provision for it.

Accordingly he took out the money, rolled it up tightly and opening his vest tucked it far down in an inside pocket. Buttoning up the vest and coat he left the station and walked through Friend street. When he reached Chardon street he turned up, and when he had almost reached the corner of Bowker street, four men stepped quickly from the shadow of a building and came up to him.

He didn't like the looks of the men and scented trouble from the way in which they approached him, but before he could make up his mind what to do, almost before he had time to turn about and run, in fact, one of the men jumped at him and grabbed him by the throat. The other two white men had stepped around him, and as Reed began to struggle they got firm hold on him from behind, and so in a twinkling he was held fast and not a sound had been made.

When the negro saw that there was no danger of Reed's getting away or making noise enough to attract anyone, he glanced up and down the street to see if anyone was coming, and then turned his attention to Reed. The first thing he did was to open Reed's coat and vest and reach down into the inside pocket and draw out the roll that Reed had placed there with such careless than ten minutes before.

Having secured this the negro looked no farther. Reed had a watch and a few other things that might have been of value to the assailants, but the negro bothered with none of these. With a significant grunt, he nodded to his assistants, stuck the roll into his pocket and started on the run down Chardon street.

After tightening the grip on Reed's throat for a moment to take any extra strength from him, the men released him and all disappeared in different directions and were out of sight before Reed could get strength enough together to call for help. He followed in the general direction which the men had taken for a short distance, but they were nowhere to be seen after that. He went immediately to the Joy street station and told his story.

STAND BY BOYS

GIRLS MAY HAVE TO DISBAND BASKETBALL TEAM.

MALDEN, Feb. 21.—The girls' basketball team in this city will probably be forced to disband, and Captain Elsie Maxwell has cancelled all the scheduled games.

The trouble arose over the inability to secure a place to play, as Captain Cutting of company L has refused to allow the use of the armory to the girls if they allowed the young men to attend.

A conference was held last week between the girls and the school principal on the question of admitting young men. The girls decided in the boys' favor.

Arrangements were made last Friday for a game with the Stoneham girls, but Captain Cutting refused to let them have the armory to play before a mixed audience.

Captain Cutting said last night:

"I will not allow boys there while the girls are playing. In fact, I will not allow members of my company there.

"Under the new law governing the care of armories no outsiders will be admitted to the building after the close of this season.

"The recent high school dance, in which the loaded punch was served, gave me enough free advertising for a while."

Mr. Hutchins, principal of the high school, declined to be interviewed on the subject. The girls say the games are so poorly attended by their sex that they cannot pay their expenses, but they say the boys will purchase tickets.

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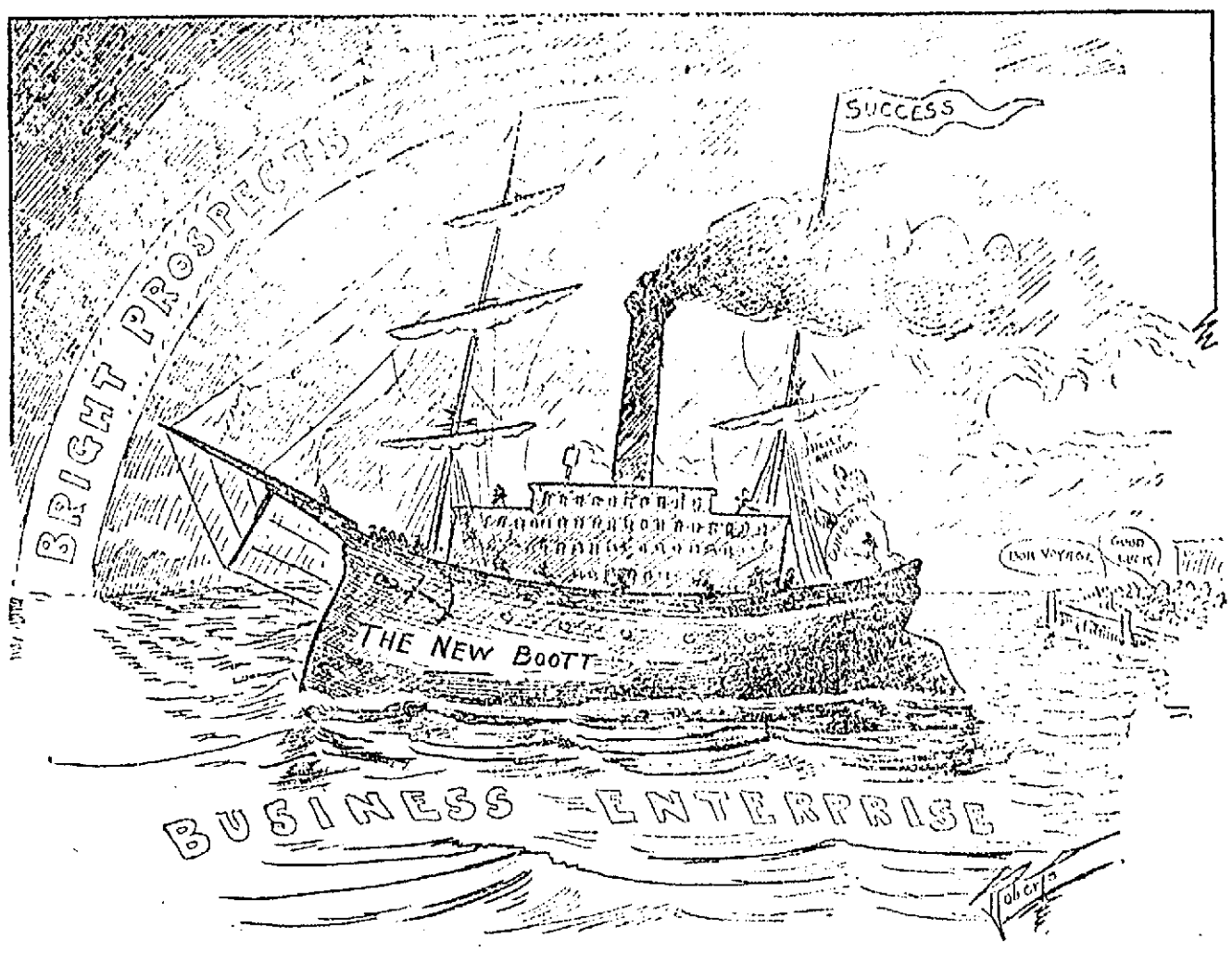

AFTER THE STORM, OR THE CRUISE OF THE NEW BOOTT

BON VOYAGE! BON VOYAGE!

EDWARD PAGE

FATHER OF MABEL PAGE VISITS SHERIFF FAIRBAIRN.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Looking pale and more aged and careworn than ever the venerable Edward Page, father of Mabel Page, visited East Cambridge yesterday for the first time since the trial of Charles L. Tucker for the murder of his daughter.

Shortly before noon he called at the jail and asked for Sheriff Fairbairn. He was directed to his office and from there to the sheriff's house, but Sheriff Fairbairn had earlier in the day gone to Lowell.

Mr. Page talked for some time with a reporter.

When asked if there was anything personal in his search for Sheriff Fairbairn, Mr. Page said: "No, nothing at all. I simply want to see him and thank him for his civility during the trial."

The old gentleman spent several hours about the county buildings. He wandered through the different rooms and took a parting glance at the chamber where the trial took place and where he was such a conspicuous figure for so many weeks. Early in the afternoon he called upon Assistant District Attorney Hugh A. Bancroft and Deputy Sheriff Tidd.

But a few days more now remain for the filing of the bill of exceptions which Lawyers Vahey, Innes and Mansfield have been so busily engaged upon. It is probable, however, that an extension of time will be granted.

POLICE BOARD

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The following licenses were granted by the police board at its meeting last evening:

Common victualler—Frank Le Court, 186 Ford street; Martin Lefreniere, 19 Ward street.

Intelligent office—Helma Gott, 134 Moore street.

Pool and billiards—Anme Yrad, 8 Cabot street; Mathew Stein, 31 Prescott street.

Upon petition of Sam Asquith, clerk of the corporation, Frank Ecclestone was appointed special police officer, without pay from the city, for the First Primitive Methodist church, in Gorham street.

Leave to withdraw was granted on the following applications: Common victualler, Bridget Buckley, 135 Fayette street.

BROKE HIS ARM

MAN INJURED WHILE TRYING TO BOARD A TRAIN.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—William E. Robinson of Lynnfield Centre, apparently a stranger to the ways of this busy city, in attempting to board an Elevated train after it had started at Scollay square subway station, yesterday morning, fell into the pit and broke his right arm.

He arrived at the train just as the guard closed the gates. Robinson made a sprint after the train, and as the rear end of it flashed past he made a daring leap in a vain attempt to board the train. He missed his grip and fell into the pit, his head resting but four inches from the death-dealing third rail.

Robinson was taken to the relief hospital, where the arm was dressed. He was then sent home.

BARK STRANDED

CARGO PREVENTS HER FROM SINKING.

LONDON, Feb. 21—The British bark Antigua, Captain Cochran from Portland, December 5, has arrived at Bahia Blanca, full of water and with loss of part of deck load, having stranded while entering port. The cargo prevents her from sinking.

SLAYER OF HART

May Have Been Woman Say Police

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—That the slayer of John A. Hart, who was found dead in a stateroom on the Joy line steamer Larchmont when it reached Providence last Sunday morning, was a woman, is one of the newest theories of the detective swho are engaged in an effort to unravel the mystery of the steamboat tragedy. According to this theory the woman threw her own wearing apparel into the Sound and then, dressing herself in her victim's clothing, walked out of the state room mingled with the crowd on the steamer's deck and escaped soon after the Larchmont reached her dock. It was through the story of Moses Thornton, the negro porter, who told of seeing a man leave Hart's stateroom that the new theory gained ground. Thornton described the man as young with a smooth face and rather awkward in his movements. This description coupled with the fact that Hart's clothing was missing from the state room, when his body was found lying in a berth, gave rise to the speculation which resulted in the belief that a woman may have caused Hart's death.

A travelling bag found in a Broadway hotel also is said to have gained a prominent place in the investigation of the tragedy. Beyond the fact that the bag came to the hotel from Baltimore, that it was left to be called for, and that it is believed to be the property of the person who shared Hart's stateroom, nothing can be learned of its possible connection with the case.

TOWNS ISOLATED

Snow Drifts Caused Much Annoyance

CLARION, Pa., Feb. 21.—Clarion, Kane, Tylersburg, Marienville, and other towns in this vicinity are practically isolated on account of the deep snow which has drifted badly. It has been 12 days since the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has operated any trains north of this place and will probably be as many more days before trains are running regularly.

The towns between here and Kane received no mails for eight days and then they had to send overland to Tionesta to get it. There is no telling when express matter and freight will be delivered by the railroad.

FACTORY BURNED

Frozen Hydrants Impeded Firemen's Work

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Frozen hydrants so interefered with the work of firemen today when a fire started in a big factory building in Greenwich street, that what first seemed rather an insignificant blaze called for four alarms and resulted in a loss of fully $100,000. The fire was in the factory of Philip Hano & Co., manufacturers of manifold books, carbon papers and autograph machines. When the apparatus, called by an automatic alarm, reached the scene the flames were confined to the second floor of the building, but nearly all the hydrants in the vicinity were found to be frozen, and by the time a good supply of water was to be had the flames had spread through the building and they were extinguished only after a long, hard struggle.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

DEATH OF WOMAN

Will be Investigated by Officials

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—An investigation into the deaths of Mrs. Marie Barrett and Mrs. Mary Dahr, each 69 years of age, which occurred within 48 hours of each other, will be begun by the coroner today, because it was discovered that the two aged women, together with eight other women, whose ages range from 60 to 80, had lived in two rooms in Franklin avenue for seven years.

Too old to work, the 10 women had managed to eke out a precarious living, and when found a single loaf of bread was the meal for the eight living. Four were very ill.

NEIL BURGESS

SAYS HIS ONLY ASSETS ARE TWO SUITS OF CLOTHES.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 21.—Neil Burgess of Highlands, Monmouth county, this state, and known the country over as the original Abigail Prue, in the theatrical production of "The County Fair," today filed schedules in the bankruptcy branch of the United States district court in this city. He places his liabilities at $21,113.47, and his assets at two suits of clothes valued at $25.

The creditors as shown in the petition are as follows: Harris, Meyer & Brennan, New York, promissory note, $1500; C. D. McGlahan, New York, judgment, $1,876.21; Metropolitan Printing company, New York, judgment, $1,686.26; Luke A. Burke, New York, promissory note, $15,000; J. E. Wilson, book account, $50.

GRAND JURY

WILL SIT IN COURT HOUSE MARCH 6.

The grand jury will sit in the court house in Gorham street in this city on March 6th and the criminal session of the superior court will open at the local court house on March 13th.

A new local system of telephones has been installed in the court house in Gorham street.

Good News

Many Lowell Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby

"Good news travels fast" and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Lowell are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Mrs. Margaret Hobbs, of 151 Adams St., Lowell, Mass., says: "It is impossible to praise Doan's Kidney Pills more than their great merits justify. I doctored for a long time for very severe kidney ailments but without much relief. Learning about this remedy I procured it at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store, corner of Merrimack and Central streets. Three boxes effectively ended the pain. I know of others who used Doan's Kidney Pills and also obtained remarkably satisfactory results."

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HAVERHILL MAN

Ejected From Car in Merrimack Street

Napoleon Plouf came to Lowell from Haverhill a few days ago and endeavored to take charge of the car in which he was a passenger. He became very boisterous as the car neared Lowell and in Merrimack street he rendered himself so obnoxious that the conductor decided to put him off. The conductor called the motorman and they grabbed Plouf. The latter offered strenuous resistance and the men in blue were pulling hard when they returned to their car. Napoleon refused to give his name but in the seat occupied by him the conductor found a slip of paper, part of a grocer's bill, bearing the name "Napoleon Plouf." Yesterday the conductor, accompanied by Inspector Walsh of this city, went to Haverhill and found the grocer. The latter told them that Plouf was employed in a shoe shop, and they were told where to go. Arriving at the shoe shop the inspector inquired for Plouf and the latter was summoned into the office. The conductor identified him as the man who had raised the disturbance on the car. Plouf was placed under arrest and brought to this city.

Plouff was arraigned in police court today and was ordered to pay a fine of $12.

THIEF AND ROBBER

WERE GIVEN PRISON SENTTNCES BY JUDGE DECOURCEY.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Frank Downey, one of the men mixed up in the theft of the Smith, Patterson company drummer's jewelry from the South station, came up for sentence yesterday before Judge DeCourcey in the Suffolk superior criminal court. It developed that Downey had been arrested and sentenced several times before, but Chief Watts said he was a tool rather than a leader. Judge DeCourcey ordered a sentence of three years in the house of correction.

Joseph E. Cox of Roxbury, who pleaded guilty to robbing Charlie Fong, was sent to prison for not more than six nor less than four years. A former sentence of two years in the house of correction that was passed on Cox in the lower court for larceny was then placed on file. Charlie Fong's laundry till was tapped Jan. 21 last, and an innocent man was arrested the next day for the crime. When Cox heard this he gave himself up and demanded that the innocent man be released. The next day he was sentenced, on a plea of guilty, to the house of correction for two years. He appealed and while being taken to jail in a buggy he escaped. The next day he went back to the laundry, threatened the Chinaman and robbed him. In court, yesterday, he pleaded guilty to this robbery and not guilty to a charge of burglary in a house. He went to trial and was acquitted on the burglary charge and therefore came up for sentence on the robbery charge only. Cox seems satisfied with the leniency shown him.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The village is to have cricket as a pastime next summer for the help of the Moore Spinning Co., have organized a team to be known as the Moore Spinning Co., Cricket club. There are many good players at the Spinning Co., and a fine team is assured.

Mark Ingham, the popular superintendent of the Moore Spinning Co., was elected president of the new club at a meeting held Saturday; and the other officers of the club are as follows: Vice president, William Ballingor; recording secretary, John J. Curry; financial secretary, Edward Hoyle; treasurer, James Senior. Another meeting of the new club will soon be held, and it is expected that many more new members will join.

Thomas J. Martin, who has been night operator at the railroad station of the Boston & Maine railroad, for several years past, has accepted a position as tower man in the Somerville Junction tower. Mr. Martin's place as night operator here has been filled by the appointment of James A. Lombard of Lowell.

MORSE EXPLAINS

The Object of Appropriations Committee

IN GETTING AFTER TAX DODGERS

Committee Not Driving Against Poor Citizens

"I'd like the public to understand said Councilman Morse of the appropriations committee today, "that the committee on appropriations is not making war upon the poor citizens of Lowell, to whom the payment of a poll tax is a hardship for nothing of the sort is true. Yet there seems to be an impression abroad that we are crowding poor citizens. Such is not the case for the men we are after are not poor laborers and mill operatives who have nothing but their slender wages, but the well-to-do high salaried men, the business and professional men with substantial incomes who persist in dodging their poll and personal taxes when they could well afford to pay them. These are the men whom we want to settle their indebtedness to the city rather than the poor citizens."

Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge looked over the tax abatements in the assessors' office, yesterday and were much interested in what they saw there. They will make an interesting report at the next meeting of the committee which will be held on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday.

AUTOMATIC ALARM.

An automatic alarm at 7.40 o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to the works of the Amrayton Tube Co. in Walker street but the alarm was a false one, it having been occasioned by the overheating of the themostat.

PROBATE COURT

Judge Lawton Presided in Uncontested Cases

There was but one session of the probate court sitting at the court house in Gorham street today. The contested session which is generally held in the probate court room in the old part of the court house was dispensed with this morning. The only session held was that of uncontested cases in the new part of the court house and was presided over by Judge Lawton.

The following business was transacted:

Wills presented for probate: Abraham Thompson, Lowell; Martin Conway and Sarah Cullinan of Billerica; Joanna Delay, Emily B. Goodell, Vienna B. Harrington, James McDermott, Mary McMahon and Peter Mitchell of Lowell; Thomas Roach, Wakefield; George A. H. Richardson, Dracut and Miles Standish, Lowell.

Administrations — Anna Parker, Reading; Constantino R. Sousa, Lowell; Mary Doyle, Cambridge and Francis R. Enger, Marlborough.

GOT SIXTY YEARS

Heavy Sentence for Major Carrington

MANILA, Feb. 21.—Major Carrington, who was convicted of falsifying vouchers of the civil government to the amount of $1500, was today sentenced to a total of 60 years and five days' imprisonment. He was tried on five separate counts and the sentence on each charge was 12 years and one day.

Major Carrington practically made no defence, his attorneys simply raising technical points.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court of the islands, and if the decision there is adverse to the appellant, the major will appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

TO THE PEOPLE

Everybody's Magazine for March, with the latest installment of my story, "Frenzied Finance," is out today.

BUY IT.

In it I begin the main story of the Crimes of Amalgamated.

I take up and handle fittingly, I think, some of the scoundrelly "System's" character thugs—deal with them, and—deposit them.

Rogers' Man Friday, Denis Donohoe, and the "Lawson Expose" they have concocted I swing through the air once, twice; then, with a mop-the-gutter motion, drop.

I reach once for James H. Eckels, Ex-Comptroller of the Currency of the United States the young financial phenomenon who jigged the big Cleveland bond juggle, now president of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, and who is steering for the "System" in the West in a split-tongued, mud-slinging after dinner skit, "Eckels Flays Lawson, the Stock Jobber," which the insurance companies are circulating by the million—I reach for him, and I think—get him. Anyway, it's for you, the people, to say.

James M. Beck, Ex-Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, valiant "trust buster" and people's champion, who got such a peep behind the government's scenes in the Northern Securities hold-up that he was picked off by Rogers, Rockefeller and "Standard Oil" for legal adviser—I think I get three fingers and a thumb over and under his collar, and in a jerk, pull and twitch, expose just why James M. Beck is delivering garbage bouquets before college and insurance round-ups in the East, tagged "Beck Grills Lawson as a Frenzied Fakir."

This is the brilliant reformer who came to Boston on the eve of the recent infamous Gas Trial, and was so anxious that I should "match up" my testimony with Rogers. Do you know what "matching up" testimony means?

Other things and people of moment are man-handled and headed for the hospital.

Let me say right here—this number of Everybody's contains Russell's second chapter on the Beef Trust, which it behooves all patriotic Americans to read. If this March number had no "Frenzied Finance," nothing but the Beef Trust story between its covers, I would willingly contribute $15,000 to $20,000 worth of advertising to get it into the hands of the people.

Last month the edition of Everybody's numbered 200,000—unprecedented in the history of general magazine making—an increase of 200,000 over the previous month. Stop and think that this 200,000 increase in itself is much greater than the entire circulation of many of the leading magazines of the country, such as Harper's," "Scribner's," "The Century" and "The Review of Reviews." Still, I calculated that every copy would be sold within three days, and that this month's edition should be at least 1,100,000 or 1,200,000. I was mistaken. The West and South stood right up and went ahead as in the other months, but the East fell behind. They tell me it was because my installment was slow and heavy; that there was not enough raw-head-and-bloody-boneness about it. Maybe so, but it was the most important chapter I have yet written. It is full of valuable educational material. It was a brain clearer—absolutely necessary to an understanding of the "System" and the Crimes of Amalgamated. But with the lively chapter in the March issue, and the tremendously hot installments that are to follow, I feel that the halt in the increase (this month's issue is the same as last, 900,000 copies) is but momentary.

Let the American people, as they thumb over this exquisite March number of Everybody's, ponder what Russell's and my work means.

Ireland at the end of a hundred years of tortured struggle for Home Rule, will probably not attain that end before another five or ten have passed.

The French were fifty years trying to exchange their royal collar for the ballots of free men.

It took the stalwart, strenuous Yankee a decade to convince Royal George that his room was better than his company.

The Russians have been working their bloody kinetoscope night and day in the interest of constitutional government, and are still at it.

Sixty days after the people had "Frenzied Finance" in their hands, the "Standard Oil" monster was compelled, after forty years of silence, to publicly doff its insolent bonnet to the people.

Three months after the people got their eyes fixed on the devilries of the "System" they elected as President a people's champion, with a popular majority greater than ever given any of his predecessors.

Four months after "Frenzied Finance" was introduced into American homes three leading insurance companies were discharging their agents in bunches, and the aggregate business of the three was falling off at the rate of $4,500,000 a week.

After five months a single blast of truth from one man shook Wall Street to its foundations, and over $200,000,000 of what the people have been taught to believe was real value ran off into the gutter in the form of dirty water.

In six months, for the first time in the history of our country, a President of the United States was able to take by the throat the greatest business combinations and trusts the world has ever known, and shake them until their teeth chattered and their backbones rattled like hung dried corn in a fireplace when the wind gets at it.

In seven months the greatest national bank in the country, the City Bank of New York, was being hung up by the heels where all the people could see it in a lower and more contemptible transaction than I had even accused it of.

In eight months one of the greatest insurance companies of America was rent by internal dissension and its trustees were gouging and mauling each other in a public brawl as to who saw the people's savings first and who should have the larger part of the loot. Now these trustees of a great and sacred institution are accusing each other of things and hinting at crimes which even I have not touched upon.

And right here, at the beginning of my 9th chapter, Kansas—God bless her!—has risen and is sweeping her end of the "System" into the muddy waters of the Missouri to the tune of "Douse the dirty reptile—Douse!"

The people should ponder these things as they read this month's issue of

Everybody's Magazine

THOMAS W. LAWSON

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 20, 1905

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

From Merrimack St.

5.45, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.92, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 5.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.46	6.50	6.00	7.14
6.28	7.40	6.20	7.26
6.39	7.30	7.34	8.34
6.49	7.33	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.57
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.57
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.46	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.57	9.40	1.40	2.37
9.53	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.45	12.24	3.17	4.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.50
1.44	2.30	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.34
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
6.22	6.15	7.20	8.08
6.49	7.00	8.30	9.28
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.39	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.35	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.34	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	1.50	2.05
12.05	1.26	2.15	3.20
12.50	2.00	3.50	4.50
2.50	3.43	4.50	5.40
3.10	4.05	4.01	5.09
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.06	6.46	9.40	10.35
6.15	7.16	*11.32	12.13
7.00	8.00		
9.30	10.25		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.26	8.40	9.13
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.35	4.50	6.05	6.25
5.32	6.33		
8.33	9.30		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.39	7.30	9.00	10.10
7.24	8.10	11.30	12.07
8.18	9.49	1.00	1.57
9.20	10.16	5.40	6.39
2.25	3.27	7.30	8.04
5.29	6.30	8.30	9.08
6.22	7.05	9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

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HUNTINGTON HALL HEARING.

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, appointed to consider the question of the rebuilding of Huntington hall, will give a Hearing in the Public Hearing Room at City Hall, on Thursday, February 23, 1905, at 8 p. m. All citizens of Lowell are invited to attend and express themselves upon the following questions:

Shall Huntington Hall be rebuilt?

If so, what is the best location?

FRANK M. DOWLING,
Clerk of Committees.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW OPENED.

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Spring-like weather had a marked increase in the majority of the classes favored the New England Kennel Club which opened its twenty-first annual show in Mechanics building today. In all there are 1161 entries. The greatest increase has been made in collies, French bull dogs, retrievers, Scottish terriers and Airedale terriers.

The judging of Beagles was begun as soon as the show was opened.

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HILDRETH BUILDING, LOWELL.

TWO PIERS BURNED

Continued.

FIRE STARTED ON PIER FOUR.

The first warning of the conflagration came at 1.25, when Frank Warren, an electrician, who happened to be near the grain elevator, which is at the rear of pier 4, saw the flicker inside pier 4. He pulled in the automatic alarm from the grain elevator, as that was the first thing he could get his hands on. Almost simultaneously with that John Mullin, the cargo watchman on the wharves, saw the fire from a different point of view, and pulled in an alarm from box 49. This was followed by a third, fourth, fifth and finally by a general alarm.

The fire was attended by the most exciting incidents. Off pier 3 lay the Furness liner Daltonhall, and when the flames swept through that pier toward the liner she was imminently threatened. Captain Gordon stood on the bridge and tried to calm his men and get them to try and warp the vessel out. The crew paid no attention and for some time there was mutiny on board. Finally after the vessel had caught fire a line was passed from the draw of the Charlestown bridge to the vessel, and by immense effort the almost doomed vessel was pulled from her berth. Her bow was ablaze then.

On the north side of pier 4 lay the Wilson-Furness Leyland liner Philadelphian. Her sides could be measured almost by inches from the start of the fire.

PHILADELPHIAN EARLY DOOMED

When the crew got up on board there was no hope for them but to take to the water. No time was left them to get the vessel out, no time to lower boats and get away—so they jumped—all of them, and that they were all saved was due to the courage and cool-headedness of the men about the wharves and to some patrolmen. That vessel was badly damaged.

ELEVATOR THREATENED.

The hardest work by the firemen came in keeping the fire from the grain elevator, which, while comfortably removed from the flames themselves, the heat spread to it, and furthermore several passageways led from the burning sheds directly to the big elevator and through these the flames tried to spread. Hosemen were sent into these runs from the opposite side and made their way toward the fire, fighting it back inch by inch, and after an hour's desperate and exhausting work they kept the flames from the runs and saved the elevator. It was a repetition of the struggle when pier 5 went down.

It was plainly to be seen when the firemen got to work that nothing could save the two burning piers, so all their efforts were spent in trying to prevent the spread of the flames and to save the two threatened vessels, the Philadelphian and the Daltonhall.

Through the excellent work of the fireboats the Philadelphian was saved from total loss. There seemed to be no hope at first of getting her from her perilous position close to the roaring dock.

Capt. Dickenson and his men accounted themselves a most fortunate lot of men after they had gotten together and counted noses. All were accounted for except three, and one, the chief steward, Fellows, was at the relief hospital. They were all terribly exhausted, some hardly able to stand, but as they gathered about the warm fire of the sailors' haven they all smiled and were thankful.

MOVED WHEN TOO LATE.

When the crew had been saved the firemen were already at work trying to save the vessel. Both fireboats had been pulled up close to her and lines were gotten aboard. Before the last of the crew jumped the flames were sweeping across the deck, eating up the rigging and making the paint on the port side blister, although sheltered from the fire. One by one the shrouds were burned away, and the foremast seemed to waver. The boom used to hoist cargo fell with a crash that sent up a shower of sparks to mingle with the myriads arising from the flaming sheds. On the starboard side of the vessel were two lighters and these also caught fire, although they were not badly damaged.

It was nearly 2.15 before any aid came to get the vessel from her berth. Then several tugs steamed up, made fast to her, and dragged her out some distance. As she moved slowly out the flames began to leap across toward shed 5 and it was then plain that the vessel had to a great extent prevented the spread of the fire in that direction. The wind, fairly strong, was blowing toward shed 5, and there is no doubt that had not the Philadelphian been there the flames would have spread to pier 5 and no one can tell where they would have stopped then.

When the vessel moved out and shed 5 began to be threatened streams were quickly gotten at the shed and while it caught in a few places on the roof it was saved from practical damage.

LOSS $1,500,000.

The crews of the fireboats had their work cut out for them in saving the Philadelphian from total loss. The vessel was partially unloaded, but a great quantity of freight still remained on it. The fire spread along the deck and ate its way into the cabin, and it was there that the hosemen had the hardest work, fighting in narrow gangways amid fumes and choking smoke. They stuck to their posts, however, although occasionally they had to give up one by one and get some fresh air into their lungs. Then they went back and began the fight again. By the time the vessel was pulled out, practically all the fire on the vessel had been extinguished.

Later in the morning the report spread from the sailors' haven, where the Philadelphian's crew was quartered in night caps and ladies' gowns, that two of their crew were missing. They had at first thought that all were safe, but they told a reporter that they then couldn't find Maurice Brown, an oiler, and John Sey, a trimmer. They had hunted for these men, they said, and couldn't find them. It is feared they were drowned.

Joseph Humphries, a fireman of the Philadelphian, was reported missing at 4 this morning.

The estimate of the loss is $1,500,000.

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THE INJURED

MEMBERS OF CREW AND FIREMEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Feb. 21. A large double pier, Nos. 3 and 4 of the Hoosac Tunnel Docks in Charlestown, together with considerable freight, was completely destroyed by fire early today, and the steamer Philadelphian, from which the crew fled so hastily that several were injured, was hauled into the stream, with her upper works ablaze. The loss to the Boston and Maine R. R. company, the owners of the docks, is estimated at fully $400,000, while the damage to the Philadelphian will, it is thought, bring the total loss up to about a million dollars.

The adjoining pier, No. 5, which was burned last November and which was being rebuilt, was slightly damaged, while the steamer Dalton Hall, on the opposite side of the pier from the Philadelphian, backed out under her own steam, practically uninjured.

Chief Steward Fellows of the Philadelphian jumped overboard and was rescued in an exhausted condition while one of the firemen of the steamer jumped to the deck of a nearby lighter and had a leg broken. Captain Dickinson and his wife were taken off by the fireboat, after they had been driven to the stern of the burning steamer and were about to jump into the harbor.

The fire started presumably from spontaneous combustion in some hay on pier No. 4 at 1.30 o'clock this morning and swept with terrific speed through the long shed. Within five minutes after it was discovered fully a quarter of an acre of covered pier, well filled with the most inflammable goods, was wrapped in flames.

Blazing brands were carried across the harbor to the city proper, but fortunately away from a large grain elevator at the head of pier No. 4.

The Philadelphian, which arrived last Saturday and had discharged about a quarter of her cargo, caught fire within a few minutes. Her crew who rushed on deck at the first alarm were driven over the side by the great volume of flame, which poured across the decks. As but few harbor tugs were in the neighborhood, it was nearly an hour before she was hauled from her perilous position.

More than half the fire department of the city was called into service and fought the fire until dawn before it was subdued.

Those injured were: Chief Steward John W. Fellows, of the Philadelphian, of Liverpool, England, suffering from exposure in the water and exhaustion, in a dangerous condition. Fred C. Cushing, London, England, seaman on Philadelphian, right leg fractured by jumping to lighter. Charles W. Tate, London, England, seaman on Philadelphian, suffering from exposure in the water. John F. Murphy, fireman, engine 41, Charlestown, concussion of the brain. Dennis Driscoll, fireman, engine 36, Charlestown, toes crushed and back injured.

All the injured men were taken to the Relief hospital where Steward Fellows was placed on the dangerous list during the forenoon. The physicians stated that the others all would recover.

The masts and all the upper works of the Philadelphian were practically destroyed, and her portside was badly damaged.

It has been years since alarms summoning so much apparatus to a single fire have been sounded and few fires ever have given the protection department harder work. When the first firemen reached the docks, the sheds on both piers 3 and 4 were burning furiously and the force, which steadily grew as the engines arrived in response to the repeated signals on the fire bells, and they could not begin to keep pace with the sweep of the blaze.

The direction of the wind is believed to have been the chief factor in preventing a much greater destruction of property in Charlestown. The leaping flames and brands driven out over the harbor lost their life before reaching anything inflammable, or, falling into the water, were quickly quenched.

The steamer Philadelphian which lay between the burning piers had small chance to escape and even before a stream from my source could be brought to bear her decks and upper works were ablaze. When she first caught more than half of her crew of 48 men were below and the speed with which the flames laid hold on her for a time made it seem impossible that all could have escaped. Captain Dickinson made it his business as soon as possible to account for all his men and was able to announce that no one had lost his life, although three had been injured.

The full extent of the damage to the steamship cannot yet be told. In addition to destroying the upper works, the flames reached the hold, but how far they went among the merchandise can only be ascertained by unloading the vessel. It is thought that practically all of her woodwork was destroyed.

The escape of the Dalton Hall is considered most fortunate as she has on board a very valuable cargo, having been practically loaded to sail for Rotterdam. The steamer Michigan of the Warren line at Pier No. 6, and the steamer Martello also were threatened but they escaped damage.

While the property loss is severe, the destruction of the two piers will not seriously interfere with shipping. Ample accommodation is afforded by other docks in Charlestown and East Boston for all traffic likely to be handled at this season.

The loss to the Boston and Maine R. R. is covered by insurance. Other losers are also insured but to what extent has not yet been learned.

Miss Nannie Phelps o this city left Lowell today for a three months' visit to her parents in Virginia. She sailed from Boston on the steamship Ontario.

BUFFALO BILL

Mrs. Cody Willing to Forgive Him

CHEYENNE, Feb. 21.—Mrs. William F. Cody, wife of "Buffalo Bill," last night sent word from the bedside of her dying father, at North Platte, that she is willing to forgive her husband and forget Miss Isbelle, whose name has figured in the pending divorce action, if the famous old scout and showman will withdraw the accusation that she tried to poison him.

"Tell him I can forgive all," she wrote to Attorney Wilcox, "but I implore him to withdraw the accusation. I can forget the rest, but that has broken my heart."

Colonel Cody paid no attention to the message. Many more of the details of his friendship for Miss Isbelle were made known yesterday when the trial of his suit for divorce was resumed.

It is openly charged now by the attorneys for Mrs. Cody that Buffalo Bill is seeking a divorce with the intention of devoting the remainder of his life to Miss Isbelle, and in affidavits that will be presented to court it is set forth that the old scout has already begun to transfer to the young woman portions of his property, one place being a ranch in this state.

One of the first witnesses called yesterday was Arthur McDonald, president of the First National bank of Cody, whose testimony for the defence completely upset the charge that Mrs. Cody tried to poison her husband. On the occasion mentioned, according to the witness, Cody had been drinking, and he asked for some coffee to brace him up. His cook, thinking he needed liquor more than coffee, gave him a glass of brandy, and it was that which the Colonel mistook for poison.

Charles Iddings, of North Platte, said that in twenty years he had never heard Mrs. Cody use profane or vulgar language. He added that, so far as he knew, she never drank, nor did she keep liquor near her.

Dr. C. I. Gillam, of Cody, who took the stand for Cody, testified to having heard Mrs. Cody call her husband an "old reprobate" on one occasion.

MET GIRL IN PHILADELPHIA.

The additional information about Miss Isbelle is contained in an affidavit made in the East by John W. Claire, former valet and messenger for "Buffalo Bill," who testifies that he became acquainted with Bessie Isbelle at the Hotel Walton, in Philadelphia, when the Wild West Show was there.

"Where did you see her?" was asked.

"In Colonel Cody's room."

"Where did you next see her that season?"

"In Colonel Cody's tent at the show grounds, Minneapolis."

"Where next?"

"In the Colonel's tent at St. Paul."

"Anywhere else?"

"Yes, I saw her in Chicago first at the show grounds. She was in the Colonel's tent. He was looking for some money and said: 'I wonder what I did with that hundred?' At this Miss Isabelle drew a roll of money and said: 'I took it out of your pocket at the hotel.'"

Proceeding, Claire tells in his affidavit of having seen Miss Isbelle with Cody in Sherman, Texas, in New Orleans and other places. She always called him "Pehaska," which is Indian for "the long haired one." According to the witness, she never had any business relation with the show.

BRANDED CATTLE FOR HER.

Louis F. Clark, foreman of Cody's "TE" ranch on the South Fork of the Shoshone, in Big Horn county, Wyoming, told of having branded cattle for Miss Isbelle on the ranch. He said that she had told him Colonel Cody gave her the "Bar B. Q." ranch at the head of Rock Creek.

This means Miss Isbelle is a very mysterious person. Mrs. Cody says she was always informed that she was a "lady press agent" whose clever advertising inspirations had done wonders for the Wild West Show. Colonel Cody last night said that he knew nothing about her present whereabouts, though he supposed she was in the East.

"What were your relations with her?" he was asked last night.

"Business relations purely," he replied. "She was connected with the show as lady press agent and she was a mighty good one, too."

Miss Maggie Chisholm has gone to her hime in Nova Scotia.

FOR CLEAN SHAVE

Hearing on Bill For the Licensing of Barbers

Bill Hayes' bill providing for the licensing of barbers was given a hearing by the committee on public health at the state house yesterday and before Old Hundred got through with the promoters of public health they all knew that W. H. L. believes in a clean shave. The broad-shouldered representative said he looked forward with great interest to the day when the men who lather and shave will have to have licenses. He told the committee that he could quote a little scripture on the question of "clean barbering" but the committee allowed that the matter could be ironed out without reference to the good book.

Mr. Hayes spoke of the so-called barbers who drive one's whiskers in with a tack hammer instead of cutting them with a well honed razor. He also spoke of the "small towel" system; one towel for five or six customers and the poor system of sterilization. He said that the barbers who delight in filling a fellow's eyes full of lather should be exiled for life. He spoke of the talkative barber and the barber with a breath 100 proof and declared that in the event of his bill becoming law only good barbers need apply.

Others who spoke in favor of the bill were Rep. Stevens of Dracut, Frank K. Foster of the state branch of the Federation of Labor, and several barbers.

GREAT INTEREST

IN THE CITY ELECTION IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21—More than ordinary interest was manifested in the municipal elections today because of the charges of corruption made against the administration principally in the interest of the city party, a reform political organization, recently formed, which has been conducting a vigorous campaign.

Increased activity was noticeable at the polls, especially in those wards where the city party made a fight for councilmen. Early indications point to the election of the entire republican ticket including John L. Kinsey for city solicitor, the 16 candidates for magistrates and all the candidates for council. In the councilmanic contests the republican leaders do not expect a single defeat.

In the magistrate contests Wm. Elsbron and Albert H. Adner, democrats have the endorsement of the city party and J. M. Rush Jermon, who has conducted an independent campaign is also suported by the reform organization. The minority representation on the magistrate ticket numbers five and it is believed that all of the democratic candidates will be elected.

CUSTOMS DUTIES

PROPOSED INCREASE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—The proposed increase in the Turkish customs duties has been accepted in principle by the governments of the six great powers on the condition that the revenue so derived shall be devoted to carrying out reforms. It is understood that Turkey in soliciting their assent to the increase undertook to accept the Austro-Russian scheme for reform of the finances of Macedonia.

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MEATS AND PROVISIONS.

HOLIDAY MEETING

Appropriation Committee Will Meet Tomorrow

"The appropriations committee will meet on Wednesday evening even though the day is a holiday," said Chairman Braden to a party at city hall, this morning.

"But Mr. Dodge told a morning paper that the meeting will be held on Thursday," suggested one of the party.

"The chairman calls the meetings," smilingly responded Alderman Braden, who is the chairman.

"I understand that you and Mr. Dodge received some interesting information from the assessors' books, yesterday," remarked another member of the party.

"I wasn't there," said Chairman Braden.

A reporter of The Sun called at the assessors' office and in reply to his simple query Assessor Mahoney walked away from him saying: "I don't care to get into any newspaper controversy."

This would indicate that the committee has the assessors guessing, excepting, of course, Mr. Wheeler who is basking in the warm bubbles of Mt. Clements.

Chairman Braden declined to state just what will happen at the meeting tomorrow evening, but from all accounts something decidedly interesting is on the tapis.

Treasurer Stiles stated today that he had not been notified to appear before the committee again.

MINSTREL SHOW

BY BELVIDERE HOLY NAME SOCIETY TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Holy Name society of the Immaculate Conception church will hold a grand patriotic minstrel show in the school house tomorrow evening. Mayor Casey will be present and address the audience and the following program will be carried out:

End song, "All Bound Round," Mr. Tony Doyle; solo, "The Song I Heard One Easter Morn," Mr. Frank Burns; end song, "Maguire, Esquire," Mr. John Carroll; solo, "Minstrel Boy," Mr. James McLaughlin; end song, "Alexandra," Mr. Alfred Cooney; solo, "Lenore," Mr. Frank Connor; end song, "O Gee! O Gee!" Mr. John Payne; solo, "Under the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," Mr. Thomas McQuade, interlocutor, Mr. Edward F. Shea; accompanist, Miss Catherine A. Hesslan.

KILLED CASHIER

Cody Bank Robbers Under Arrest

VERNAL, Utah, Feb. 21.—Albert L. Caldwell and David Fraughter, who are held in jail here on a charge of grand larceny, have been identified as the Cody bank robbers, for whom there is a reward of $5,000. An eye witness to the killing of the bank cashier positively identified Caldwell as the man who did the shooting.

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Floor Brooms, long, smooth handle (fine quality).
A Folding Lunch Box—The Gilman—with leather handle.
Large Size Coal Hods, worth 30c each.
Knife Trays, with walnut finish.
Dinner Pails, with cup.
5 Sheets Shelf Paper, any assortment of colors.
5 Crimp Top Lamp Chimneys.
1 dozen Tumblers or Water Glasses.

See Tomorrow's Store News for the Great Bargains

FOR 39c, 49c AND 59c

We offer these specials for every day of the sale.

14 quart Bread Raisers......39c
Bread or Cake Boxes, Japanned size 10x14⅞x9½ inches.....39c
Enameled Coffee Pots........39c
Hat and Coat Rack or Costumer, golden oak finish, 5 feet high, six arms, 3 legs, worth $1.00, while they last............49c
Wall or Towel Dryers, with 10 hard wood arms, solid wood back 49c
5 gallon Galvanized Oil Cans, 49c
Bread Boxes, Japanned, size 11¼x16x10⅝ inches 49c
Galvanized Wash Tubs, large size with wringer attachment, worth 55c 59c
Galvanized Garbage Pails, heavy, with dog-proof covers, worth 75c 59c
Ironing Tables, 4½ feet long, basswood top, hard wood legs, easily folded, worth $1.00...59c
Tea Kettles, all copper, nickle plated 59c

Tea and Coffee Specials During the Progressive Sales

3 lbs. Black Tea for..........50c
1 pkg. Cero Fruito for........5c
2 lbs. Coffee for..............25c
1 lb. Cocoa for 30c
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